

## CLASS SYLLABUS

# -English II-

HELENA HIGH SCHOOL: 2023-2024

### - Course - DESCRIPTION

This class will focus on a variety of writing styles and reading of fiction and nonfiction texts. Each unit will be guided by an essential question touching upon a year-long-central theme: If there are many challenges to being a good person, then why should we try?

Unit Themes:

- 1: Influence
- 2: Conformity
- 3: Bravery
- 4: Identity
- 5: Rhetoric
- 6: Injustice

### CLASSROOM & BENGAL

#### - Expectations -

Students are expected to follow classroom rules and procedures as well as school-wide policies for behavior.

#### - Be Respectful -

- Honor the opinions and beliefs of others.
- **NO PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE USAGE IN CLASS.**
- Food and drink (other than water with a lid) is not permitted in the classroom.
- Treat the classroom and its contents with care.
- Classroom materials, including novels, are not permitted to leave the classroom without express permission from an instructor.

#### - Be Responsible -

- Arrive on time and be prepared. You will need a 1 ½" - 2" binder, a writing utensil, 8 divider tabs, loose leaf/notebook paper, and three highlighters.
- Ask for assistance if you do not understand what is expected of you in class or on an assignment.
- Please limit your time out of the classroom during class time. Use the restroom between classes.
- Absences: It is YOUR responsibility to see a teacher about makeup work.



#### - Be Involved -

- Contribute to class discussions.
- We will establish class norms at the beginning of the year to help ensure a respectful, safe, and comfortable learning environment for all students.
- Ms. Clark & Mrs. Svingen are always ready to support each student's educational and social-emotional needs; please message either or both of us if you need help or have concerns.



### About the Teacher

Hello! My name is Lacy Svingen. This is my 9th year teaching at HHS. I am passionate about reading and literacy. I have an English undergraduate degree and a master's degree in reading. When I'm not at school, I am busy with my family, which includes my husband, our 14-year-old son, our 12-year-old daughter, a mini-schnauzer, Hattie, and a Cairn terrier, Gus. As a family, we enjoy rafting and mountain biking in the summer and skiing in the winter. I am excited about this school year and getting to know all of you.



Reading Recommendations  
*Educated* by Tara Westover, *She's Come Undone* by Wally Lamb, and *One for the Blackbird, One for the Crow* by Olivia Hawker.

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# HHS ENGLISH II 2023-2024

- *Be a Graduate* -



English II is graded in the following three categories:

## *Practice:*

New skills, standards, and content that students are learning for the first time. The intention is to practice to gain proficiency.

- Examples of practice work are graphic organizers, grammar practice, introductory assignments, etc.
- Accounts for **10%** of the overall grade.

## *Formative:*

Evaluating the students' knowledge as they learn. This is a method of on-going assessment and it involves questions and exercises to help monitor learner progress during the course.

- Examples of formative work are essay rough drafts, quick write assignments, and class discussions.
- Accounts for **30%** of the overall grade.

## *Summative:*

Assessments administered at the end of an instructional unit. These assessments are intended to evaluate student learning by comparing performance to a standard or benchmark.

- Examples of summative assessments are final drafts of essays, cumulative projects, and final grammar and vocabulary assessments.
- Accounts for **60%** of the overall grade.

## *Grading Scale*

A Range 90%-100%  
B Range 80%-89%  
C Range 70%-79%  
D Range 60%-69%  
F 0-59%

## *Late Work*

- Formative and summative assignments will be accepted and graded up to **FIVE** school days beyond the final date of the unit.
- No late work will be graded for practice assignments.



## *Academic Honesty*

- This class is about developing your own original voice and writing. Plagiarism (including AI) will earn you a zero and will result in a referral to building administration.



*I have read and understand the requirements and expectations of this class and its associated course work.*

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Student Name (Printed)

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Student Signature/Date

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Parent Signature/Date