**English II Honors Syllabus**

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| **Welcome to English II Honors!**This course focuses on the study of literature (including short stories, poetry, nonfiction, drama, and novel), language and composition, all in preparation for 11th and 12th grade advanced English courses as well as the 10th grade Florida Standard Assessments (FSA) reading and writing exams. Emphasis is placed on developing an understanding of literary elements, devices, and themes and on using the writing process to produce specified types of essays; advanced speaking and listening skills, vocabulary skills, study skills, reference skills, a study of mass media, and practical writing are also included. This course is aligned with Florida Standards and Pinellas County's Grade Level Expectations.**Materials:** \* One 3 inch binder with 3 tabs (school-wide requirement) \*The 3 tabs should be labeled Bellwork, Classwork, Vocabulary\* Loose leaf paper\* Pens and pencils\* Notecards\* Highlighters/Colored pencils**Grading Policy:** Grades will be determined using the following forms of assessment:\* Homework & Class Assignments \* Binder use\* Quizzes (announced and unannounced)\* Tests/Exams\* Essays & Writing Assignments\* Projects (group & individual)\* Classroom Participation**Grading Scale:** A 90 - 100% Outstanding progressB 80 - 89% Above average progressC 70 - 79% Average progressD 60 - 69% Lowest acceptable progressF 0 - 59% Failure**Student Expectations:**1. *Be Prepared*. Come to class prepared and on time. No one will be allowed to leave the classroom for the first and last ten minutes of class.2. *Be Cooperative.* Actively participate in class lessons, activities, and group work. Stay on task!3. *Be Responsible*. Record all assignments and complete them on time. Study for tests and quizzes.4. *Be Diligent.* Work from bell to bell. The teacher will dismiss class, not the bell.5. *Be Respectful*. Be respectful of yourself, others, and the classroom. Any behavior that is rude or disrespectful, including inappropriate language or comments, will result in disciplinary action.**Student Conduct:**All students will conduct themselves in accordance with the Boca Ciega High/Fundamental/CWMP behavior expectationsas well as the classroom rules. **We need to cover a large amount of content this year. Behavior that is preventing** **anyone from learning will NOT be tolerated**. **Cell Phone & Electronic Devices:** All cell phones and electronic devices are to be off and out of sight during the school day unless otherwise specified bythe teacher. ***Putting your phone on “vibrate” is not considered turning it off.***  In accordance with school policy, if a phone or electronic device is seen, a referral will be issued. **Consider this your warning for the rest of the school year.** **#NoTwitter #NoSnapchat #NoTexting #NoInstagram #CellFreeZone #YouAreNotSlickSoDoNotTrySneakingDress Code:** The Boca Ciega High/Fundamental/CWMP dress code must be followed at all times. You must also wear a mask at all times while in the classroom. Those who violate the dress code will be sent to an administrator and receive a consequenceI catch everyone-Seriously. **#YouCanHearMeInTheHallTardiness:** The Boca Ciega tardy policy will be enforced without exception. **Attendance & Make up Policy:** Attendance is extremely important. One absence can set you back, especially on a block schedule and since we will be participating in group work and projects this year. If you miss class, **YOU** are responsible for obtaining any missed assignments*. It is expected you check Canvas if you are absent BEFORE you come to ask about missing work*. All make-up work, including tests and quizzes, must be made up within the number of days absent. For example, if you miss two days, you have two days to take any missed test or quiz and/or hand in any missed assignment(s). If work is not submitted in the given time, it will not be graded. I will not chase you around to obtain missed work. I do NOT offer ‘retakes’ on tests or quizzes, so study and prepare the first time. Please check bocaciega.org, Canvas, and Portal regularly(at least every few days). It is **VITAL** you are present for all assessments. **#IHateTheQuestionDidIMissAnything****Late Work: Per Boca Ciega High School’s policy, NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED!** **Extra Help:** I strongly encourage any student who needs or wants extra help to see me. I am available during lunch every day and can also schedule time before/after school. You may also email me if you have any questions regarding assignments. You can alsoemail me.**Parent Communication:** Parents are encouraged to contact me anytime they have questions or concerns regarding their student’s progress.Grades and attendance will also be available and updated regularly. I upload lesson plans a week in advance on ourschool’s website, bocaciega.org. Please feel free to email me anytime. Parental involvement is crucial to student success!**English II Honors Parent Letter**Dear Parent or Guardian,Hello!I am excited to be your student’s English II Honors teacher this year! In addition to teaching at THE Boca CiegaHigh School for the past 11 years, I teach courses in Classroom Management, Reading, and cognitive theories to undergraduate and graduate Education students at the University of South Florida and Baldwin Wallace University. Throughout my teaching career, I have taught every grade at the middle and high school level, and have taught at the university level, so I can provide your student with comprehensive insight and skills they will need to be successful after they graduate from high school. I believe all children can learn but must take responsibility for their own learning at thehigh school level. One of my goals is to help your student take ownership of their learning and actions and guide them to becoming a productive member of society.I earned my Bachelor’s degree in English, with a minor in Education, as well as my Masters of Education in SecondaryEnglish Education from the University of Florida (Go Gators!) and my Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction, with a Cognate in Educational Psychology, from the University of South Florida (Go Bulls!). I firmly believe life-long success depends on self-discipline. The behavior and discipline policy has been developed to help your student manage their own behavior and will be in effect at all times. Your student deserves to be a part of aclass that has a positive educational climate and is not disturbed by behaviors that prohibit the learning process. This classis held to a high standard, which means we have much content to cover in the short time we are given; therefore students who are not able to conduct themselves in a manner that benefits the class or prevent other students from learning will face behavioral consequences. I refuse to allow a student to negatively affect another’s learning. Honors levels classes teach essentially the same topics and skills as traditional classes, but at higher levels of complexity, greater depth, and a faster pace. The reading level is higher and more reading will be required. Students will be required to use a higher level of vocabulary, do more writing and reading, do more homework, and meet thestandards of more challenging tests. The expectation is your student will elect to take Honors or AP courses next year,and part of my overall goal for this year is to help them develop the skills they will need to be successful in those rigorous courses.Your student has been informed of the course syllabus in its entirety, including the discipline policy and Fundamental/CWMP policies and expectations, but I would appreciate it if you would review the course syllabus with your student. Please keep the attached syllabus for future reference in the event that any questions arise. I will be communicating with you throughout the year to keep you aware of your student’s progress. Please feel free to contact me at any time—I love parents!Sincerely,Dr. Jennifer Denmon, Ph.D.THE Boca Ciega High School **Please sign and return this by Friday, August 28, 2020**I have read and understood the details of this syllabus.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Student Name (print) Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Student Email Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Parent/Guardian Name (print) Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Parent/Guardian Email Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Parent/Guardian Relationship to Student Other Number(s)-please specify**My student is allowed to watch PG & PG-13 movies that are related to course content** **YES NO**With whom do you live? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Do you have access to a computer? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Do you know how to access the school’s website, bocaciega.org and Canvas? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_List your interests, hobbies, favorite things:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_What do I need to know to help you be successful? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Does your student have any medical condition of which I should be aware? If so, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Anything else I need to know about or can do to help your student succeed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

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