

English II Course Syllabus  
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**Course Information-** World Literature: This course is designed to build on previously acquired literary, grammatical, and critical thinking skills through the exploration of texts from around the world. Additionally, students will begin to evaluate themselves and others from a global perspective and personal leadership is encouraged. Although some lecture and organized note-taking is necessary, this course will be structured around discussion and collaborative work. Therefore, students must complete all assigned reading and writing tasks on time to be able to fully participate in class discussions and objectives. Students are expected to have an opinion and to be able to express that knowledge in a respectful, mindful manner. A grade level project is a part of this course.

**Course Novel:** *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* by Mark Haddon  
These may be acquired through [thriftbooks.com](http://thriftbooks.com) with low costs and free shipping if you would like your own copy!

Novels are chosen based on approved reading lists, critical thinking challenges and the possibilities of extrapolating mindful subject awareness. If there are any objections to content, another choice will be provided independent of the whole class study. By signing below, you and your parents consent to using it as our classroom novel.

**Parental signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Expectations**

1. **Students** are responsible for making up any work within the five day make-up period. **Be sure to ask a classmate first for missed notes and determine missed assignments the first day back in class.** School policy gives 5 days (reasonable time) to make up work after *excused* absences *unless* the task is a regular weekly task like vocabulary or a previously announced due date (**then it is due on the day you return**). Due notice of zeros is covered by a progress report every 3 weeks to take home to parents and through awareness of the 5 day policy. Late tasks will be penalized 5-10 points per day, for up to 3 days, depending on the nature of the assignment. Then, a zero will be given.
2. Assigned tasks necessary for class work must be completed prior to the next class meeting unless otherwise indicated.
3. Completed written assignments must be turned in by 4:30pm on the due date given unless otherwise specified. Late work will lose 10 points a day.

4. **Student directed teaching:** This is a process where students direct the questioning and class discussion with completed assignments. Everyone will do this over the course period.

5. Take notes. If something goes on the board, you will likely see it again.

### **Personal Policies**

1. **No item, at any time,** may be thrown in my classroom. Dissenters will be expected to properly sweep the room and dispose of any gathered debris.

2. Electronic devices are **not** allowed in the classroom without permission or prior arrangements. Never assume a classmate is *getting away* with usage while you are not as there are often circumstances of which you are unaware.

**\*\*Only one warning will be given before students are expected to turn over their device.**

3. I do **NOT** accept emailed assignments, papers, or homework without prior permission. These should be turned in as hard copies.

4. No food or drinks (except bottled water with a screw-on lid) in the classroom.

5. Hang on to any graded assignments until report cards come out. They may be kept in the class return bin as well.

6. Bring a book. If all other tasks are complete, you will be expected to read.

7. Do not speak while another person is speaking. Rudeness is not tolerated.

8. Be comfortable where you are but expect to move frequently. I constantly shift students over the course of the semester.

8. **Plagiarism and cheating are prohibited.**

### **Grade Level Project**

This project must be completed by each student according to the due dates assigned.

English II looks at a social issue as the focus of the project. Students must also complete 20 volunteer hours with the written work. The volunteer hours should be relatable to your topic. **This year's Sophomore Expo is March 5, 2020 at 5:30pm.** All required work and a comprehensive portfolio will be completed before this date. If a class project is not completed and presented, students will NOT be advanced to the next grade level homeroom, nor be able to participate in any sports or extracurricular activities.