

English 11C

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Attendance Policy

Students need to be in school. If they are absent, all missed work needs to be made up or absences become illegal. Nine illegal absences results in a “drop” from the course.

Grading Policy

Writing Assignments 40%

(3 - 4 essays per quarter)

Good news!! You have ultimate control of your writing grade!!

You are able to revise any writing assignment (within a given timeframe up to TWO times) to achieve a desired grade, provided you have handed in the assignment the first time – on time.

Here are some things you should know...

You will be given *at least* one week to complete a writing assignment. For this reason, **we do not accept writing assignments late. Be responsible!** If you choose to wait until the last minute and something goes wrong (printer/computer broken, no paper, no ink, etc...) you risk losing the allotted points for that essay grade. In other words, plan ahead. **If you are absent, your paper is due the day you return to school.**

ALL WRITING ASSIGNMENTS MUST BE TYPED. NO EXCUSES. There are plenty of resources available to you as a student at Sachem East that enable you to have your paper typed in time for the due date. **No handwritten work will be accepted for credit.**

If you email your assignment, you must do so the day/night before it is due. Please email the assignment to yourself as well so that you can print it out at school the next day.

Skill usage in writing

With each writing assignment, you will learn a set of skills. Some of these skills you are probably already familiar with (sentence variety, use of nouns, verbs, adjectives etc...) others will be new to you. You will learn to incorporate the skills you learn into your writing assignments, how to annotate your work, and through the editing process, you will learn to recognize common writing errors, and how to revise what you've written to make it the best it can be. A folder has been assigned to you in class so that you can keep your work at school if you'd like.

Tests – 30%

Quizzes – 20%

Students will be given ample notice prior to quizzes and testing. I am available for extra help any day upon request.

Homework – 5% - 10 per quarter at 10 points each.

Participation – 5% Good attendance, no cell phone use in class, no excessive pass usage, student shows genuine effort and concern for his/her grade and progress.

Students will write for various purposes including, but not limited to:

- Regents exam preparation
- Quarterly writing packet
- Various creative writing pieces
- Quarterly exams

Students will read, analyze and annotate:

- Novels & Non-fiction
- Short stories