

Mr. Bishop

English I

Syllabus

Welcome to your first year at Ghidotti Early College High School. The next four years will go fast, and, in order to succeed, you need to lay a solid foundation upon which to build. Think of this year as basic training. In this class you will learn to write well, read carefully, and think critically—the three skills you will need to succeed in high school and beyond. And so that the class can concentrate on these three important skills, you will also learn how to conduct yourself appropriately. I expect you to take all classroom rules seriously—and if not, I expect you to be prepared to face the consequences. I look forward to an invigorating year, and I hope each student will find our class challenging, rigorous, and rewarding. The demanding curriculum consists of the following:

Texts (may include but are not limited to):	<i>To Kill A Mockingbird</i> <i>Of Mice and Men</i> <i>The Blind Side</i>	<i>True Grit</i> <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> <i>Ender's Game</i> Self-selected book
Writing:	Basic STEPS essays MLA format Literary essays	Paragraph structure Non-literary essays
Other:	Note taking	Projects/Presentations

Grading Policy: Grades are based on a total point system which is converted into percentages and letter grades.

All discussions of grades are by appointment only. Grades will not be discussed during class time.

Late Work/Extra Credit Policy:

1. Late work will be given a maximum of 50% credit and must be handed in during the same quarter in which it was assigned.
2. All major assignments (this generally means essays) are due on the due date—if you are sick or on vacation, leave work in my box or submit it via Schoology.
3. Extra credit is at the sole discretion of the teacher.

Graded Assignments: Keep graded work until end of quarter in case you need it to discuss your grade. Keep all writing instructions in your writing folder.

No Name Paper: Papers and projects without a name will be discarded.

Make-up for Absences: You are responsible for everything that happens in the classroom whether you are present or absent. The first place to start when you have been absent is to check Schoology for any assignments you may have missed. If you have any questions about what you have missed, please make an appointment to see me. **DO NOT** ask me to explain missing assignments during class time. You have one week to make up assignments from the day you were absent; otherwise, they will be classified as late work.

Classroom Rules: Our classroom will be a place where students respect each other's right to learn and my responsibility to teach. For specifics, please refer to Sierra College's classroom etiquette policy. Of particular importance: a) Passing periods are for bathroom visits. B) All electronic devices may be out and used only when instructed by me. C) No food, gum, or drink is allowed. D) Clean up after yourself. E) Be on time. F) Be kind.