

DeBakey High School
English I
Course Syllabus Spring 2009

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Overview: English I students practice speaking, listening, writing, and reading. Academic skills improved upon include essay writing, conventions of language, literary analysis, grammar, syntax, and vocabulary.

Expectations: Students shall be:

1. Ready: arrive to class on time with appropriate supplies.
2. Respectful: respect peers' and adults' education, person, and space.
3. Responsible: complete work on time; be accountable for actions.
4. **NO GUM**, food, or drink other than water in class.

Policies:

1. Attendance: guidelines set in the student handbook shall be strictly enforced.
2. Tardy: guidelines set in the student handbook shall be strictly enforced.
3. Make-up work: 3 school days, not class days, shall be given for work completion; students are responsible for collecting missed work either before or after school or from their class folder during passing period.
4. Late work: work turned in after due date and time shall receive a 70% at best if turned in the next class period. All work turned in after this time shall receive a zero.
5. Test return: No exams shall leave the classroom. Students may view graded tests during class once all make-up exams have been completed. Students and/or parents may review test results and answers before/after school or during a mutually agreed upon time.

Scope:

Cycle 4: TAKS Prep; Short story; Poetry; Grammar; Syntax; Vocabulary; Academic writing.

Cycle 5: Romeo and Juliet; Grammar; Syntax; Vocabulary; Academic writing.

Cycle 6: The Odyssey; Grammar; Syntax; Vocabulary; Academic writing.

Grading:

Cycles 4 & 5:	Common assessment	10%	Cycle 6:	Homework	10%
	Homework	10%		Daily work	15%
	Daily work	15%		Quizzes	20%
	Quizzes	20%		Essays	25%
	Essays	20%		Tests	30%
	Tests	25%			

Conduct: an "S" shall be given for failure to follow the above stated classroom expectations.

Materials: McDougal Littell: The Language of Literature; Language Network Grade 9; Vocabulary Power Plus; selected readings to be announced. Please be advised that some selections contain adult language, themes, and situations.

Supplies:

1. Notebook or binder with identified section
2. Pens/pencils (including #2)
3. Notebook paper
4. Colored pencils, pen drives, and other various materials as needed for projects.

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Please return this signed form by: January 8/9, 2009.

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Student signature: _____

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Parent email: _____

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