

Mr. Lucero's Class Syllabus
English III

First of all, welcome to English. My name is Mr. Lucero. Throughout the year we will be tackling books, dissecting their themes, responding to the texts, swimming through grammar, and other assignments. My grading scale is fair, but if you ever have a problem with a grade, statement, or assignment, come and speak with me.

Rules of the Classroom

- 1- Understand that you are a student when you are in my room.
- 2- Try! Show me what you can do!
- 3- Be kind. All students have the right to a positive learning environment, and all teachers and substitutes have a right to work. Hate speech will not be tolerated.
- 4- Be on time. Four tardies will get you a referral.
- 5- No food except raw fruits or vegetables.
- 6- Refrain from using your phones.

Supplies

Please bring these supplies to class:

- One composition notebooks for class notes
- 3 Ring Binder to store notes and important information
- Pens & Pencils

Essential questions for sophomore year:

What around me plays a part in shaping my identity?

Am I a part of everything around me?

The essential question will be addressed thematically throughout the year. Essential questions are open-ended, critical thinking questions that sit high up on [Bloom's taxonomy](#). Essential questions challenge students to make connections between school materials, learning, and a more complex idea, entity, or purpose and generally lead to a product-based outcome to demonstrate the connections.

Maybe most important of all, however, essential questions give students power and control over their own learning. Think of it as giving the keys to a teen driver while you're sitting

in the passenger seat. As the key passenger, you must continue to guide, make suggestions on improvement, and teach the driver a few things while on the road, but the teen is, nonetheless, still the driver.

Issued Books you might be reading with the anthology

Macbeth

Animal Farm

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

Sustained Silent Reading Book

We will have SSR for fifteen minutes at the beginning of class every Monday and Tuesday, but it will be your responsibility to read your SSR book at home.

Grading Scale

Papers and Quick Writes= 30%

All papers completed and turned in as final drafts in this class must be typed. No exceptions!

Homework= 25%

I want you to have homework, not only because I want to punish you, but also it provides closure of the day's lesson and sets you up for tomorrow's lesson. It is a test of your responsibility. Most of the time your homework will be about twenty minutes long. Take pride in everything you create and you will shine in my class.

Late Work:

- *If you do not turn in a completed homework assignment on time, you have a 24-hour opportunity to complete the assignment and turn it in for 50% off.*
- *If you are absent during the year, see me immediately to find out what work you can make up. Most will be shared with you using Google Classroom. Some work done in class cannot be made up.*

Tests and Quizzes= 20%

I write my own tests and quizzes to reflect what we study in class. You will never be tested on something you haven't been introduced to in class.

Class Participation= 25%

Collaborating and contributing to the class' progress will pick your grade up.

Participation includes both Leave your apathy and try!

If you have a smartphone, and don't have these already, please download the following apps: Quizlet, and the Merriam-Webster dictionary.

Grade Distribution

90%-100%= A

80%-89%= B

70%- 79%= C

60%-69%= D

59% and under= F

If you fail my class, you cannot graduate from high school unless you make my class up in summer school. You get no credits and you are left with a lot of wasted time in my classroom.

'R' Rated Movies

Some of the movies shown in class that complement a theme in a book, or the book itself have been rated 'R'. I completely understand if you as parents don't want your kids viewing these films. I will create alternative assignments for students who do not have permission to view these films.
