

BEHAVIORAL SYLLABUS

English I A/B

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Entering the classroom:

1. Have materials *every* day. Be responsible enough to come to class prepared. You are required to have a 3-subject notebook designated specifically for this class. A pen or pencil will be needed daily. No markers will be used for any writing assignments or notes. Repeated entries into the classroom without proper materials can and will result in a referral.

2. Once the tardy bell finishes ringing, you should be moving toward your seat. If you are not in your seat in a timely manner, it will be interpreted as defiance, and you will be written up. Once in your seat you should get your notebook out immediately. Do not wait for a “Get out your notebook!” command.

3. Once seated, begin the “Bell Ringer” at once. “Bell Ringers” will be used as an anticipatory set, review, ACT practice, journal entry, etc. Be responsible and ready!!

Tardiness:

1. If you are not in the room when the tardy bell finishes, you are *tardy*!
2. You have **ONE** free tardy per semester for **ALL** classes. A second tardy in any form will result in a detention.

Assignments:

1. If you are absent, see me for all paperwork. You may check with a partner or my website for assignments.
2. Every unexcused absence is a zero for that day.
3. Late work will be deducted 10% per day late (basically one letter-grade per day).
4. Participation grades will be given out weekly: ten points per day. I expect you to be a positive member of this class. I value your ideas and expect you to share them. Unexcused absences will be a zero for the day. Excused absences will not count against you. To gain points, you simply must be engaged for that day. Participation doesn't just mean vocally sharing thoughts or ideas. You can have a great impact on the class without ever verbally sharing with the entire class.

Attention Signal:

In order to speed up the process of getting the room quiet, my attention signal will be a verbal “HIGH FIVE” and I will raise my hand. When you hear me and/or see my raised hand, you are to

immediately end all conversations and raise your hand as well. We will be silent in no less than five seconds.

Hall Passes:

1. You *must* have YOUR student handbook before leaving the classroom. You fill out date and destination and I will signature.

Expectations:

1. Reading and writing are the two most powerful tools you can master in order to become not only a good student, but an excellent student. No matter what path you take in life, reading and writing will be essential to your success. You will be expected to read and write daily. Because these two talents are so invaluable, everyone will be held to an extremely high standard.
2. You will be expected to turn in all homework assignments on time and neatly completed. Take pride in being organized and prepared.
3. You will be expected to work in a cooperative learning setting. This will require you to participate with a partner or a team daily.
4. You will be expected to treat everyone with respect. You will not talk over me or any of your classmates. If you are disruptive, it will be interpreted as defiance, and you will be written up. Talking over anyone is not acceptable. This is a social skill everyone must master. Everyone can not and will not be heard at once. Take your time, be patient, and respect everyone's opinion. To ensure that everyone's opinion will be heard, you will be expected to raise your hand in order to share with the class.
5. You will be expected to write or print legibly.
6. You will be expected to continually build your vocabulary. A strong vocabulary is vital to becoming a proficient writer.
7. Many various writing and reading assignments will be given, so once again, be organized and complete your work in a timely fashion.
8. Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. So, none of the following will be accepted behavior: students who intimidate, harass, or badger the course instructor, sleep in class, enter class late or depart early, talk in class without being called upon, talk in class while others are talking, dominate class discussion, exhibit physical displays of anger, threaten or verbally abuse the instructor or other students, or generally touching other students.

Quiz/Test Retakes:

1. You may retake any quiz or test one time, but that re-take must be during ESS or Bearcat 25 (never during regular instructional time).

Class Rules:

1. Have materials daily
2. Respect people and property
3. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself
4. Behave responsibly
5. Leave nothing behind
6. Silence during announcements

Reading requirements:

1. Short Story Unit
--the elements of fiction will be emphasized
2. *The Odyssey*
3. Poetry Unit
4. *Romeo and Juliet*
5. *Night*
6. Various others TBA

Writing requirements:

1. 5-paragraph essay format/structure
2. On Demand
3. Personal Essay, Literary Analysis
4. Passage Based Constructed response
5. Grammar: clause (dependent/independent), subjects and verbs, agreement (s/v, and pronoun/antecedent), comma, sentence structure, etc.

NOTE: I will be utilizing the Remind text messaging tool. Please text the number 81010. First period enters message: @1dc09

Fourth period enters message: @8dfdd

Contact Information:

My planning period is fifth period. Parents/Guardians, please feel free to call any time (839-5118 ext. 2531).

My email address is l.barnes@anderson.kyschools.us.

This is the easiest and most convenient way for you to keep in touch with me about the progress of your son or daughter. For more information, please visit my Literature 1 website:

- A. Go to teacher website: <http://www.anderson.kyschools.us/teachers.aspx>
- B. Click on LW Barnes

In order to keep up to date with your child's progress, please sign up for the Infinite Campus portal:
<https://infinitecampus.anderson.kyschools.us/campus/portal/anderson.jsp>.

I will be using *Remind* to send text reminders. Students and parents can join my class by texting
For 2nd period--text @26736 to 81010
For 3rd period--text @f4b9c to 81010