

# **AP ENGLISH 11 SYLLABUS**

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# **GRADING**

There are agendas on my board daily. These include the items and activities for the day and occasionally for the week. Included in the agenda is a section specifically for homework. This section contains short-term and long-term assignments. Please make sure you are looking under the appropriate heading. You will be completing reading multiple times a week. You can choose the book, but it will require teacher and parent approval.

I update online grades weekly through Aeries.

I do not believe in busy work. I hated it when I was in school, so I would never expect it of you. Please be aware that every assignment I give is valuable because it is a chance for practice, and therefore, a chance for improvement.

- 70% WRITING
- 30% OTHER

LATE WORK WILL BE DOCKED POINTS. Assignments will lose 10% of the grade for the first day it is late, 20% the next day, and will not be accepted thereafter.

# **MATERIALS NEEDED**

Chromebook
Paper
Pens/Pencils/Highlighters
Outside Reading Book (teacher/parent approval required)

#### **COURSE OBJECTIVE**

Welcome to Ayala High School's AP English 11 class. AP English Language and Composition is an introductory college-level composition course. Students cultivate their understanding of writing and rhetorical arguments through reading, analyzing, and writing texts as they explore topics like rhetorical situation, claims and evidence, reasoning and organization, and style.

#### **ATTENDANCE AND TARDIES**

When you are not here to partake in class, you miss out. For instance, if you are involved in a group activity, your group misses out as well. There is no way to make up the valuable class time that goes into group activities. Students are expected to be in class on time and, while in class, to be on task. Work missed because of an excused absence may be made up without penalty, with as many days given as the student was absent. Excessive absences will affect a students' grade.

The class starts when it does for a reason. We have only a short time to get through the materials we must cover in one day. When you are late, you have to take time to catch up with what we are doing in class. The beginning of class is when I go over the expectations and objectives. You are tardy if you are not in your seat by the time the late bell rings.

Be sure to check Google Classroom and the website daily, even on days that you are absent.

# ASSIGNMENTS/GOOGLE CLASSROOM

We will use Google Classroom daily. Check the website for course codes.

All hand-written assignments are to be neatly prepared on lined notebook paper (no spiral paper with messy edges) in blue or black ink or on computer paper by computer. All digital assignments are to be turned in as a PDF. The due date of long-term assignments (three or more days) is the last day that you may turn in said assignment. Please note that this is the case whether you are on campus or not. You will not be excused from a due date due to an absence from class or from school. Google Classroom will stop accepting assignments after the given due date.



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#### **STANDARDS**

We are guided by the standards provided by College Board.

Please make sure you have set up your College Board account.

Here is a <u>course overview</u> provided by College Board

# **CLASSROOM MATRIX**

Please find the classroom matrix on the class website.

#### **CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS**

#### 1) BE RESPECTFUL

Everyone deserves validation and respect. Even if you do not agree with someone's opinion, you must remain respectful. If someone's ideas are offensive, please make me aware of it, and I will handle it. Otherwise, you are not to intentionally physically or emotionally hurt (i.e., bully) anyone, and you can expect to not be attacked. Because we are in a public school, you can expect many diverse opinions; this is actually valuable, and you should view it as such.

#### 2) BE PREPARED

Working includes being alert, participating in class in group discussions and in projects, and doing independent work quietly at your desk.

#### 3) BE READY TO PARTICIPATE

The class functions much better when everyone participates. To ensure that everyone has a fair chance to share, it is important that you are not speaking when someone else is. I see it as a sign of extreme disrespect to speak when someone else is speaking. If you have a question for me or someone else in the class, please wait until the appropriate time.

#### 4) BE AWARE OF SCHOOL POLICY

Please review school policies found in your student handbook. Cell phones and/or electronic devices will not be used for social or gaming purposes during class. If I find you abusing this rule at any time during class (bell to bell), devices will be confiscated and given to administrative personnel. Be prepared for the dress code to be strictly enforced. No hats and no hoods will be worn during class time.



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# **SIGNATURE**

My parent/guardian has read the syllabus and understands the expectations, uniqueness and challenges of AP 11.

I have read the syllabus, and I will abide by the rules and requirements as set forth by Mrs. Sjol. If I do not follow the rules and requirements, I understand that I will receive the necessary consequences (failing grade or otherwise).

Printed Parent's/Guardian's Name	Signed Parent's/Guardian's Name
Printed Student's Name	Signed Student's Name