

## English III

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Planning Period- 1st Block

### Course Description:

- *Prerequisites: English I and English II.* This class follows the Tennessee State Standards for English III curriculum. English III is a course that seeks to integrate the standards of language, communication, writing, research, logic, media, and literature. Students will work to comprehend and produce a wide variety of texts, specifically focused on American Literature. The course will emphasize the communication and critical thinking skills that empower students to function effectively in a rapidly changing world.

### Objectives/Standards:

- All standards taught can be found at <https://www.tn.gov/education/instruction/academic-standards.html>.

### Classroom Expectations:

- Be on time
  - Attendance is necessary for the student to learn and keep up with assignments. Students need to be on time, in their seat, and working on bellwork when the tardy bell rings.
    - It is understood that sometimes students will need to be absent. In these situations, it is the student's responsibility to obtain any work missed from the teacher.
  - A student will be counted tardy after the bell rings for the class block to begin. Students who accumulate five (5) tardies will be dealt with in accordance with the Attendance and Tardy policy in the Claiborne High School student handbook. (Attendance and Tardy Policy may be found in Student Handbook on Claiborne High School website under the tab titled "Families" and the link titled "Handbook".)
- Be prepared
  - Having all necessary materials for class ensures that the student can complete assignments in class and participate in discussions, etc.
    - If a student does not have the required materials (ex. pen/pencil, paper, etc.), there are limited supplies in the classroom. To ensure no interruptions, students must retrieve these materials before class begins.

- According to county and school policy, cell phones and other electronic or wireless devices are not allowed during instructional time. This includes, but is not limited to: cell phones, smart watches, ear buds/air pods, and headphones.
  - In the classroom, students must place their cell phone (in silent mode) and all other electronic or wireless devices in a pocket organizer located by the white board. If a student is found with a wireless device in their possession, the situation will be dealt with in accordance with the cell phone policy in the Claiborne High School student handbook. (per the CHS handbook's "Student Use of Cellular Phones" policy).
  - Chromebooks need to be **closed** and **put away** during class time unless it is being utilized to complete an assignment in the classroom. If Chromebook usage becomes an issue, the situation will be dealt with in accordance with the Claiborne High School student handbook.
- Be respectful
  - Do not talk when the teacher or other classmates are talking.
  - Be respectful of the teacher and other classmates by not using profane language, name-calling, etc.
  - Keep the classroom clean and tidy.
    - This includes throwing away trash in the trash can, etc.
    - Food and drink are allowed in the classroom **unless** it becomes an issue with keeping the classroom orderly.
    - **Do not** write on the desks or peel the desk numbers off the desks.
  - **Do not** line up at the door before class is dismissed. This disrupts other student's learning and interrupts teaching. The student may also miss an important announcement.

#### Grading Policy:

- The Claiborne County grading scale is as follows:
  - 90-100 = A
  - 80-89 = B
  - 70-79 = C
  - 60-69 = D
  - 0-59 = F
- The grade for each grading period will be weighted as follows within the class:
  - Test/Projects/Essays 40%
  - Homework/Quizzes 30%
  - Book Reports 20%

- Students will complete two book reports during the semester. They will receive a handout with different options to choose. Each report must be a different option and each report will be a total of 100 points.
  - Bellwork 10%
    - Bellwork will be turned in every two weeks. If a student is absent, they may get bellwork from a classmate or write “Absent” on that particular bellwork day. Each day the student will receive two (2) points for bellwork. If only half of the bellwork is completed, one (1) point will be deducted. If a student does not have bellwork for a particular day and they were present, they will receive a zero (0) for that day.
  - Extra Credit- Opportunities will be offered at different times during the semester, including the after-school Cine-lit movies, signed progress reports, and attending specific school events.
  - Final Exam- The final exam for the class will be 10% of the overall final grade.

#### Materials:

- Students will need the following items:
  - Pencil or Pen (blue or black ink only)
  - Paper (Separate from notebook/composition notebook; Can be either college or wide-ruled)
  - Binder (Can be any size/Can use same binder for multiple classes)
  - Notebook/Composition Notebook
  - Chromebook (Provided by the School)
  - Flash Drive (Optional)

#### Make-Up and Missing Assignments:

- Students are allowed to complete missed assignments resulting from **excused absences**. Students are responsible for collecting their missed assignments.
- Students who receive a one (1) on any of the components graded on a formal paper will be allowed to rewrite the paper. The due date for the rewrite will be arranged between the teacher and the student.
- If a student fails a test, they will have the opportunity to take the test up to two more times, as long as they are showing progress. This can be done before or after school unless otherwise stated. Students will have one week to take the retake.
- Due dates will be given in class and posted on the board each week. In the case of long-term projects, such as a research paper, a handout will be provided that will list all projected due dates.
- Any student who has a question on an assignment may come before school or after school to receive help. Students may also email the teacher via the school email or using the Remind app.

### Cheating/Plagiarism:

- Cheating and plagiarism constitute academic dishonesty and will not be tolerated. If either of these occurs, the incident will, generally, be handled as part of the course grading process. The penalty will range from no credit for the assignment up to an “F” grade for the course.
- Using AI also constitutes academic dishonesty. If a student is found to have used AI to complete an assignment, the penalty will range from no credit for the assignment up to an “F” grade for the course.

### Reading Discretion:

- Students will be reading a variety of content. Reader discretion is advised. Titles include, but are not limited to:
  - *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller
  - “What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?” by Frederick Douglass
  - “Ain’t I a Woman?” by Sojourner Truth
  - “The Story of an Hour” by Kate Chopin
  - “Up from Slavery” by Booker T. Washington
  - Multiple Poems by Walt Whitman
  - Multiple Poems by Emily Dickinson
- If you would like your child to complete an alternative assignment to any literature we read, please contact me with questions or concerns within the first month of school.

I reserve the right to modify these guidelines at any time, if necessary.

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\*\*If you have any questions or concerns regarding your student’s grades, please do not hesitate to contact me at (423) 626- 3532, message me through Remind, or email me at [bethany.coke@claibornecsd.org](mailto:bethany.coke@claibornecsd.org). Messages will be responded to within 48 hours during the workweek. All communications sent on the weekend will be responded to during the workweek.

This portion is meant to be returned to Mrs. Coke. By signing below, you are certifying that you have read and understood the rules and requirements for the English III course. (This will be one of the first grades for the class.)

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please use the space below to provide any additional information that you would like the teacher to know.

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