ENGLISH I

HONORS

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

2026-2027

CLASS RULES

- Respect yourself, everyone and everything in this classroom.
- Respect the teacher when they are speaking to you and the classroom as a whole.
- Be an active participant in your own learning.
- Make good decisions in and out of the classroom.
- Follow all classroom procedures and expectations.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

- Be in your seat when the bell rings.
- Put proper heading on ALL papers (name and period).
- Complete your work and turn it in on time
- Be prepared and attentive everyday.

SUPPLIES

Required

- Composition Book
- Pencils
- YOUR CHROMEBOOK

Optional:

- Folder
- Highlighter

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

English I Honors provides students the opportunity to study multiple genres from world literature including selected stories, dramas, novels, and poetry. This course provides a year-long integrated study of reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills. Improved written communication skills are stressed. In addition, independent reading is required and will be assessed in multiple methods. Each grading period will include timed writings and a variety of projects, often involving a presentation.

ABOUT THE TEACHER:

My name is Camryn Cruz, and this is my fourth year at Central High School! I am a San Angelo native and was once a Central Bobcat myself. I have a Bachelors in English and Secondary Education from Angelo State University. Please don't ever hesitate to ask questions.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NOT FOLLOWING THE DIRECTIONS:

1. Warning: the teacher provides a verbal reprimand/reminder to student.
2. Parent Phone Call
3. After School Detention: short time spent during lunch to contemplate conduct.
4. Principal Referral: Referral administration for severe behavior problems.

AGENDA AND ASSIGNMENTS:

Schoology is where many class assignments, discussions, and projects will be posted and turned in. In-class or printed assignments can be placed in your classroom's box near in the front of the room.

LATE WORK:

The school policy for late work is the following:
Late work is classified as work not turned in on time, but not due to an excused/unexcused absence **on the day** it was assigned. Late work will be accepted with the **maximum** deductions as follows.

SECONDARY (6-12TH)	
1 DAY LATE	-10%
2 DAY LATE	-20%
3 DAY LATE	-30%

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GRADE SCALE

Students are graded on mastery of standards. The grading scale is numeric, on a 0 - 100 point scale. Grades of 70-100 are considered passing. All grades will be recorded in the following format:

- 100-90: A
- 89-80: B
- 79-70: C
- Below 70: F

SAISD Grading Guidelines

GRADE BREAKDOWN

Per the District Policy:

High School Honors classes are:
40% Minor Grades
60% Major Grades

1 minor grade will be dropped every grading period, but no major grades

EXAMS & EXEMPTIONS

First Semester Exam:
Comprehensive for first semester

Second Semester Exam:
Comprehensive for second semester

Exemptions: Students have the opportunity to be exempt from **spring semester** final tests.

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GRADES AND UPDATES:

Grades are accessible in Public Portal. Progress reports will be sent out at the three weeks and six weeks. We have nine-week grading cycles, so reports will come out following the end of each nine-week grading cycle. I can also answer emails if there are questions about a specific grade, but **I do not answer emails between 4:45pm to 7am**. **Major grades under a 70 will be allowed remediation**. Major grades **70 or above cannot be remediated.** There will be at least ten minor grades and three major grades during each nine weeks.

ABSENCES:

If you are absent, check Schoology or Classtag. This year we will be using Classtag to communicate with students and parents. Most assignments will be posted in Schoology. Students have the number of days absent plus one to complete assignments (the counting begins the day the student returns to the class missed) Make-up work is the student's responsibility. ASK for it!

TUTORIALS:

Tutorials and Remediation will be available Tuesday - Thursday during Bobcat Block, Tuesday after school, and Wednesday before school. They will be held in the Carlyle room 118. If I myself am not available, the other English I Honors teacher (Kevin Mcspadden) will most likely be in room 113. All honors teachers are using the same plans, so other teachers can assist you.

PERSONAL ELECTRONICS (HOUSE BILL 1481):

All personal communication devices must be silenced and put away **during the school day.** SAISD Cell Phone Policy

First Offense: Parent must come to sign the device out of the office. The student receives a verbal warning.
Second Offense: The device is confiscated for three days. Parent must come to sign the device out of the office.
Third Offense: The device is confiscated for 10 days. Parent must come to sign the device out of the office
Additional Offenses: Device is confiscated for 90 days. Parent must come to sign the device out of the office

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Hall/Bathroom Passes: Students are required to ask first, and then create an Ehallpass on their device.

Food and Drinks: Drinks must have lids! Clean up your own mess if you have a spill. Snacks are fine, but let's avoid eating full meals in class.

Safety Protocols: We will abide by all mandated and/or suggested protocols.

Tardies: Students arriving after the tardy bell without a pass will be given a TCU (Tardy Counted Unexcused). Excessive tardiness will result in a parent phone call and a discipline referral. Note: **Arriving to class more than 10 minutes late will result in an absence. This is state law.**

SYLLABUS ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I have read and understand the class syllabus and agree to follow the policies and expectations outlined.

Student Signature:

X_____

Guardian Signature:

X_____

COMMUNICATION:

Email is the most efficient way to contact teachers. My conference is everyday from 11:47AM-12:36PM. I do not respond to emails after 4:45PM or on weekends. Please allow me a 24 hour window to respond to emails. Also, make sure to check The Central Courier for information regarding upcoming events as well as your student's Schoology account for daily assignments. **CAMRYN.CRUZ@SAISD.ORG**

BOBCAT BLOCK

This is a period offered daily for tutoring. It is mandatory that students attend Bobcat Block. If your student does not need specific tutoring, this is an ideal time for them to complete any homework he or she might have.

PLAGIARISM AND AI:

The teachers at CHS are aware of the various AI programs and have trained on them. If a student is found to have used these programs and passed the work off as their own, they will receive a warning and will be given a new assignment to get up to a 70. Continued plagiarism will be addressed by the teacher.

EVERYTHING HIGH SCHOOL:

Click on this link to look through the **Freshman Bootcamp** information. High school is a very different world from middle school. Students need encouragement and involvement from their homes.

HONORS POLICY:

English I Honors is different than English I and the work will be different at times. Students will be expected to do some work at home, and read some of the class texts at home. A schedule will be provided of what to read when. Students will be assessed on the reading in several ways: reading checks, discussion and other assignments. If, for some reason, there is an issue or emergency where a student was unable to do the reading, let me know upon entering class and adjustments will be made if warranted. Students need to take care of the books as best they can. If there is an incident in which a book is damaged or destroyed, please let me know.

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