

English I Syllabus, 2017-2018
Mr. Kidren D. Bell, F106

The primary emphasis of this course is the study of World Literature. The class will include all genres such as poetry, drama, nonfiction, the short story, and the novel. Through a continued focus on expository writing, students will hone the skills of drafting and revision. The overall goal is for students to understand how literature reflects the culture of our nation historically and contemporarily. English I is a STAAR tested subject. We will focus on critical thinking, writing, and test taking skills to prepare you for success in that arena.

To guide your learning experiences and hard work, please read over this syllabus to understand what to expect in my class and keep it as a reference to answer any questions you may have.

Classroom Expectations:

- We will **respect and show care** towards ourselves, peers, teachers, staff, and the property of the school.
- We will **follow the guidelines and policies** laid out for us by the Mesquite Independent School District and the administration of JHHS.
- We will come to class **prepared** and with a **positive attitude** toward learning.

Procedures:

The following procedures are not rules, but procedures to follow so that our classroom works successfully and efficiently.

- Come into class **BEFORE** the bell rings.
- If I must sign a grade sheet or other document, place the sheet on my desk and I will return it to you at the end of the class period.
- If you had an excused absence during the last class period, see my website for your missed work.
- Keep food/drinks put away at all times (water is the only exception).
- During announcements, students should listen to be informed.
- Always participate by listening, taking notes, engaging in discussion during appropriate times, completing assignments, etc.
- In case of an emergency, you do not need permission to get up.
- **Stay seated** until I dismiss you. The bell does not dismiss you.

JHHS Campus Late Work Policy

Daily assignments, class work, and homework will be accepted late one class period for a high of a 70. At the teacher's discretion, these assignments may or may not be accepted more than one class period late.

Assignments assigned with a window of opportunity to complete will be accepted one class period late for a high of a 60. At the teacher's discretion, assignments with a window of opportunity to complete, may or may not be accepted more than one class period late.

Class Resources : www.misterkbell.weebly.com

Remind 101: 7B

Push Notifications: rmd.at/

Text Notifications: To: **81010**

Message: @

Cell phones and other electronic devices:

Cell phones and other electronic devices are NEVER allowed in class **without permission**. They must be turned off or silenced at all times. If a student is using one of these devices in class, it will be confiscated to be returned after class. No grace opportunity will be given. **If you refuse to give your device, you will receive an office referral instead. You will sign a contract to this effect.**

Tutoring:

I will be available for tutoring Tuesday thru Thursday from 7:45-8:45 in the F106. During this time, you may receive one-on-one assistance, receive answers to your questions, check your grades, and turn in assignments. This will not be a hang-out time where you may bring friends and talk. It will be a working environment only.

Grades:

- 30% - Essays/Blogs
- 20% - Six Weeks Exam
- 20% - Test / Projects
- 30% - Daily/ Quizzes/Homework Grade

Curriculum:

Literature

Major Compositions

1 st Six weeks	The Last Book...Universe	Expository Essay
2 nd Six weeks	Research Strategies	Research Essay
3 rd Six weeks	Romeo and Juliet	Expository Essay
4 th Six weeks	Composition Strategies	Expository Essay
5 th Six weeks	STAAR Strategies	Narrative Essay
6 th Six weeks	The Odyssey	Expository Essay

Communication:

There are several ways to get in touch with me to receive answers to your questions, to find updated information on course materials, to check grades, and to discuss concerns.

Teacher name: Kidren D. Bell

Class: English I

Email: KBell@mesquiteisd.org (best way of communication!)

Phone: (972) 882-5200 Ext. 8611 (please leave a message on my voicemail)

Conference periods:

A day: 1st period 8:45am-10:15am

B day: 2nd period 10:20am-11:55am