

# Pre-AP English 10 – Mrs. Bennett

## Course Syllabus

This course is a comprehensive study of English grammar, literature, and writing. The course enforces the use of communication skills, literary analysis, and research skills—all of which are needed in business and college writing. Additionally, this course is designed for students needing a challenge. Expectations are high for academic performance and behavior.

### Classroom Guidelines and Expectations

- 1. Be here.** You should be in your assigned seat when the bell rings or you will be counted tardy. Further, we will read and discuss for the entire period, so do not pack up early.
- 2. Be responsible.** Bring materials to class daily including your English binder, paper, a pen, and work that is due. All assignments and projects are collected at the *beginning* of class on the due date or it is considered late. Late homework will not receive credit. Major projects, such as essays and speeches, may be accepted for half-credit within 24 hours of the due date. After that, no credit will be given. You are responsible for getting any missed notes or assignments from the *absent folder* or a classmate that were given during an absence. It is also imperative that **you schedule** make-up tests or quizzes with me in a timely fashion.
- 3. Be respectful.** You are expected to be courteous and respectful to all students, teachers, and guests. There will be no swearing, name-calling, snide comments, or sleeping. In addition, take care of our classroom by picking up after yourself and avoiding bringing food or drinks to class. Use of cell phones or other electronic devices are prohibited per school policy and will be confiscated and turned into the office.
- 4. Be engaged.** Participation is necessary for learning to take place. I want to hear your thoughts and opinions. The more you are willing to question while you read and discuss, the more fun we will have this year.

### Grading

Grades follow this scale:

A	95-100	C	77-79
A-	92-94	C-	74-76
B+	89-91	D+	71-73
B	86-88	D	68-70
B-	83-85	D-	65-67
C+	80-82	F	64 and below

### Need to Reach Me?

Feel free to talk to me in Room 265 before school or after school if you have questions regarding your progress in class. If you need to reach me after-hours, the best way is via email at [hbennett@warrick.k12.in.us](mailto:hbennett@warrick.k12.in.us).

You should also check our class website for Pre-AP English updates, assignments, and helpful links such as Quizlet to study your vocabulary terms. Just scan the QR code or go to [chsbennett.weebly.com](http://chsbennett.weebly.com).



### Materials

Required:

- Pen (blue or black) or pencil
- Loose-leaf paper (college-ruled)
- 3 Highlighters (different colors)
- 3 x 5 lined index cards (1 package)
- Computer access/email address and flash drive or Google Drive account

Suggested but not required:

- Post-it notes
- 3-ring binder (1-1.5 inch)
- 5 tab dividers (no pockets)

### Cheating

Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to, using a cell phone during class, sharing answers with peers, or presenting another person's ideas, information, or entire work as your own.

## Turnitin®

Turnitin® is a document submission database and plagiarism detector utilized by Castle High School. You will be provided with a subscription to Turnitin® and all major writing assignments and weekly poetry responses (second semester) must be submitted to <http://turnitin.com/> in addition to a hard copy.

**Failure to submit any assigned writing assignment by the deadline will result in a zero for the assignment, regardless of the submission of a hard copy to Mrs. Bennett.**

## Class Discussion

Discussion of literature in a classroom setting can be intimidating at first, but nonetheless is a skill that I will challenge you to develop this year. Discussion based seminars will take place frequently throughout the school year and participation points will be given based on a rubric. Failure to participate, or lack of text-supported contributions in seminars, will result in a zero for the assignment. Furthermore, if you are absent during a seminar, you must complete an alternate assignment to earn the discussion points for that day.

## Novels

If you would like to purchase your own novels during the school year so that you can annotate in your text, below is a list of books that we will *most likely* use followed by the ISBN of the correct publication. The semester in which each novel/play is taught is subject to change.

### First Semester

*Lord of the Flies* (0399501487)  
*Fahrenheit 451* (1451673310)  
*Into the Wild* (0385486804)  
*The Tragedy of Julius Caesar* (1586638475)

### Second Semester

*A Separate Peace* (B00E2RPSCC)  
*Inherit the Wind* (0345466276)  
*The Secret Life of Bees* (0142001740)  
*The Tragedy of King Lear* (158663853X)

Please go to <https://goo.gl/forms/mvvYmubVo3PTEUE93> and complete the form, so that I know you and your parents understand the syllabus and expectations for Pre-AP English 10. This is worth 5 points and will be your first grade this semester.