

Lexington Christian Academy
Junior High- Rose Campus
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Advanced English Syllabus

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Rm. 125

Welcome to 7th grade Advanced English! Within this class students will learn a multitude of things through the study of literature including novels and short stories, vocabulary/spelling, and grammar. During each semester different units will be covered in each area. As students in an advanced class, you will be challenged to grasp the knowledge of literature, grammar, and writing at an in-depth level. Writing assignments, quizzes, exams, and projects will be assigned from each of the units studied. Class work and/or homework will be assigned on a daily basis. Students will be expected to complete journal writings on a weekly basis. Vocabulary/Spelling units will be completed on a weekly basis.

Grading System:

Grades in English will be determined using a point system. Each assignment, quiz, test, and project will receive a certain number of points. Major tests will be doubled. These points will be added together to determine the total possible points at the end of each semester. Each student's points earned will then be added together and divided by the total possible points to determine the percentage of points earned and grade received. The grading system is as follows:

92-100	A
84-91	B
77-83	C
70-76	D
69 and below	F

Students will keep track of their grades for each assignment, quiz, test, or project using LCA's Net Classroom. Parents and students should log in and check their grades weekly!

Assignments and Late Work:

Assignments are given in English to practice skills taught and increase the students' understanding of literary works. Students are expected to complete each given assignment independently. Copying other student's homework is considered cheating!! Cheating will result in the appropriate disciplinary action as dictated by the LCA Junior High Handbook. Cheating ultimately cheats the student as he/she will not learn what they need to know for tests and quizzes. Please take each assignment seriously and give it your best!! Avoid the "Get 'er done" mentality!

English class is reserved for working on English assignments ONLY!! Students are not permitted to work on any other subject's work. If a student is found working on another class's assignments, the assignment will be taken and given back to the perspective teacher.

When a deadline is assigned for any given assignment, I expect the work to be turned in on that day. The only work that will be accepted late will be work made up due to illness/absence and/or work that is turned in with a Homework Pass. Each student will be given one Homework Pass per semester. Students may use this pass to turn in an assignment one day late. Students who have previously used their Homework Pass may turn in an assignment *one* day late for **50% of the grade**. Assignments that are not turned in will receive a Zero! Some assignments as determined by the teacher must be turned in on time thus may not be turned in with a Homework Pass. When a student is absent, it is their responsibility to ask for make-up work upon their return to class. Students should also check my webpage on LCA's Eaglepoint where weekly plans and assignments will be posted. If a student is absent on a test or quiz day, the student will need to make up the test/quiz after school. Students should be prepared to take the missed quiz or test on the day that they return to school if they were there for the review. Extended absences will be given more of a grace period.

English Notebook:

Each student will be required to maintain a **3-ring binder** during this course. In this notebook students will take and keep all class notes for each unit covered. The binder will need to be divided into three sections using **pocket dividers**- one for Grammar, one for Literature, and one for Vocabulary. This notebook must be maintained neatly throughout the year. Students should NOT throw any work and/or notes out during the semester!! In order to study for Semester Exams, notes and work completed during that semester will be needed!!

Journal Requirement:

Each student will be writing in a journal on a weekly basis throughout the year. You will need **a composition book** for your journal writing (Mead or other brand). Journals will be graded once a semester.

Writing Assignments:

Various writing assignments will be given throughout the year. We will be exploring different kinds of writing including descriptive, expository, persuasive, and narrative writing. During February and March, students will be required to write a Research Paper. Students will be given a packet to assist them with the writing process of the research paper.

Resources for Advanced English:

- ***Grammar:** *Writing and Grammar: Communication in Action*
Prentice Hall
- ***Literature:** *Literature: Timeless Voices, Timeless Themes* Bronze Level
Prentice Hall
- ***Novels:** *True North: A Novel of the Underground Railroad* by Kathryn Lasky **
Through Gates of Splendor by Elisabeth Eliot **
- ***Vocabulary/Spelling:** *Vocabulary from Classical Roots- Book A***
Educators Publishing Service, Inc.

**** These books were required to be purchased by the students!!**

Materials Needed for Advanced English:

- * A 1½ 3-ring binder with 3 pocket dividers
- * Notebook paper for binder
- * Composition Book for Journal Writing
- * Highlighters
- * Red Pens
- * Pencils
- * Blue/Black Ink Pens
- * 3" X 5" Ruled Index Cards
- * 2 book covers for Literature and Grammar books

**** Students may find it useful to have a pencil pouch in their notebooks stocked with pens (red and blue/black, pencils, highlighters, and index cards). In this way they will be insured of having the proper materials in class daily.**

***** Students are expected to come to class daily with proper materials. I will keep a supply of pens, pencils, paper, and extra books in the classroom for students to borrow if they are unprepared. Students may NOT borrow from other students- only from ME!**

Classroom Rules and Expectations:

In order to create an environment that is conducive to learning all that we need to cover in English this year, the following classroom rules are expected to be followed at all times:

- 1) Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. *Matthew 22:37*
- 2) Be in your seat with ALL needed materials on your desk BEFORE the bell rings!
- 3) ALWAYS practice Respect and Responsibility for yourself and others.
- 4) Promptly follow directions the first time given.
- 5) You are not dismissed until the teacher gives you permission to leave!
- 6) No talking without permission.

Each of these rules correlates with the Jr. High's implementation of SOAR. It is our desire that each student exhibits Self Control, Obedience, Accountability, and Respect. The following consequences will ensue for not abiding by the classroom rules and SOAR:

- 1) Verbal Warning (Disrespect will not receive a warning!)
- 2) Detention Hall (A Writing Assignment signed by parents may be substituted for the 1st D-Hall!)
- 3) Referred to the Office
- 4) Any severe disruption as determined by the teacher will result in the student being sent directly to the office.

It is my expectation and prayer that Advanced English be an enjoyable and challenging learning adventure for all students in 7th grade! Please do not every hesitate to contact me with questions/concerns. You may do so in the following manner:

- 1) Phone: School- 422-5702 (I have 1st period planning)
Home- 309-0011 (Between 7 and 10 PM on weekdays)
- 2) E-mail: School- lbrown@lexingtonchristian.org
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I look forward to working with each student and parent this year!