

## English II Syllabus

### Course Description:

English II is an integrated curriculum, with each unit consisting of thematically related lessons in five domains: analyzing literature, analyzing informational text, writing, speaking and listening, and language study, which includes word knowledge and grammar skills. The skills that students practice for this course are similar to the skills in English I but require more independence and depth of thought. An introductory lesson at the start of each unit helps students identify any areas of weakness and review those topics before starting the more challenging lessons. Writing assignments required include fiction, expository, and persuasive, and analytical models, emphasizing the use of details, evidence, and reasoning to support ideas. Speaking and listening lessons cover collaborative discussion skills, the peer review process, and how to plan and deliver informative speeches and presentations. Vocabulary development instruction is integrated into literature and informational text lessons. A literature study will focus on the analysis of different forms of literature and as well as the evaluation of various modes and forms of writing. Writing and informational text lessons guide students through the stages of a rigorous research process and demonstrate how to evaluate, integrate, and share the information gathered during research.

### Additional Materials Required:

Required Novels:

- Animal Farm (Semester 1)
- Night (Semester 2)

Optional Novels (choose 1 per Semester)

- The Catcher in the Rye
- The Bean Trees
- All Quiet on the Western Front
- Lord of the Flies
- Twelfth Night
- Farewell to Manzanar
- Antigone

### Student-Teacher Conferences:

Office Hours. Students can schedule up to three (3) Student-Teacher Conference over the duration of the course. These meetings are optional, and attendance will not affect your grade.

To schedule an office hour with your teacher to please visit the Student Resources page on [waonline.org](http://waonline.org).

**Washington Academy Grading Scale:**

**A** = 100 - 93

**B** = 92 - 85

**C** = 84 - 76

**D** = 75 - 70

**F** = 69 or less

**Coursework Overview**

○ **ASSIGNMENTS**



Assignments are completed by the student through fillable PDFs which they can fill-out, save to computer, then upload to in the Learning Management System. Assignments are typically found throughout the course(s) and can be opened by clicking the “**Activity**” button when prompted to do so. Assignments will be graded by your teacher.

○ **ASSESSMENTS**



Assessments, or Quizzes, are predominately computer graded and will test your knowledge of the content of each Section upon completion.

○ **EXAMS**



At the end of each Unit, Semester and the Course, you will need to complete an Exam.

○ **PARTICIPATION**



Participation grade is determined upon the completion of the “End of Course Survey.” Participation in Discussion boards or Office hours does NOT affect your grade.