# **Mrs. Steplock - English II**

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#### Conference Period: 8th period

**Textbooks Used:**

* *Literature, Texas Treasures, Course 5* by McGraw Hill Glencoe (gold)
* *grammar book upon request*

Class sets are made available to the students. Students can check out a copy of the book for short or long term use at any time during the year. If a student chooses to NOT get a print copy, the student is still responsible for completing any outside reading assignment in the textbook. Most, if not all pieces of literature read this year, can be found on the internet.

# **Overview: English II** is World Literature in which the class looks at various forms of literature either written in or translated to English. Reading and responding to literature in written form and discussion will be a major part of the class. The grammar and composition portion will be a part of the class as appropriate.

**Rules**: Students will adhere to the following measurable items.

1. Ask permission.
2. Use appropriate language.
3. Bring materials to class daily.
4. Keep to yourself.
5. Remain in your seat.

All students are expected to follow the classroom, East Bernard High School, and EBISD rules as will the teacher model the expected rules.

**Grades:**

### Major Grades: 60% Daily Grades: 40%

Tests Quizzes

Process Writing Daily Work

Projects Journal

You will have at least 8 daily grades and 3 major grades each six weeks. Extra credit is not offered on an individual basis. Extra credit will be offered by the teacher for the whole course.

**Late Work /Make-Up Work Absence Policy:**

You must show a blue slip the day following the absence. According to school policy, if the absence is excused, 100% of the make-up grade is allowed; if the absence is unexcused, only 70% of the make-up grade is permitted. Late work deadlines are determined by knowledge of the due date and the assignment. The school rule regarding make-up work is 1 day for each day you are absent.

**Cheat/Copying/Plagiarizing:** If a student is found cheating, copying, or plagiarizing, the student, as well as the cooperating student(s), will receive an **automatic 0**. No chance of retest or make up work exists after a student is found violating this code.

**Tutoring**: Tutorials are offered *Tuesday through Thursday* after school. Since students are required to have a pass to morning tutorials, please schedule *before* the date needed.

**Required Materials:**

* 1” binder (standard, any color) left in room (vocabulary)
* 1 package of 25 sheet protectors (used for vocabulary)
* braded folder with pockets
* Pencil or pen (prefer blue or black- red for checking work only)
* highlighters (5 different colors preferred)
* colored pencils (shared with another course)
* Notebook paper or composition notebook for paper
* Computerized saving device (USB, jump drive, etc.)

 **Supplemental Reading**: Throughout the school year, we will be reading novels and plays to expand the course. The following books and plays are options for reading this year.

Lord of the Flies by William Golding\*

A Midsummer Night’s Dream by William Shakespeare\*

Twelve Angry Men by Reginald Rose

*It is highly recommend purchasing the above to aide in close reading exercises and for personal application of the novel.* A copy of each of these pieces will be offered to the student. If a student loses his/her copy, a $20 fine will be assessed.

**EOC/STAAR Testing:** Repeat testers will test in early December. The 10th grade level test will be given in early April. More information will be given in the classroom. The rigor of the course is designed to meet the standards of STAAR.

*This is the official copy of the course syllabus.*

My parent /guardian(s) and I are responsible for all information on this syllabus. A copy of the syllabus is on the class website.

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