

## English II General

		Description of Common Requirements							
<p><b>Main Topics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Epic</li> <li>• Novel</li> <li>• Short Story</li> <li>• Poetry</li> <li>• Non-fiction essay</li> <li>• Drama</li> <li>• Formal Writing</li> <li>• Creative Writing</li> </ul>	<p><b>Rationale</b></p> <p>This course is a study of world literature. Students will explore the histories and cultures associated with selected texts and how the writing reflects author's purpose. The emphasis of the course is on close reading and the mastery of the standard conventions of English for practical use. Students will also develop writing skills addressing several modes and methods, including expository, persuasive, personal, and formal, in order to develop an appreciation and understanding of each.</p>	<p><b>Reading</b></p> <p>Students will complete assigned sections of larger works consisting of approximately 10 to 15 pages per night.</p> <p>Students are responsible for additional shorter readings throughout to supplement the major texts.</p> <p>Students will prepare for testing situations by learning to recognize the various question stems targeted at standards assessed by FCAT 2.0.</p>	<p><b>Writing</b></p> <p>Students will write approximately 10 to 15 pieces of formal writing in response to given prompts.</p> <p>Included in the writing samples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analysis of literature or character.</li> <li>• Writing styles that are audience and format appropriate</li> <li>• Modeling existing pieces of writing.</li> <li>• Creative writing</li> <li>• Research using MLA formatting</li> <li>• FCAT on-demand writing</li> </ul>						
<p><b>Grade Composition</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Classwork and homework</td> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: right;">40%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tests and quizzes</td> <td style="text-align: right;">30%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Formal and informal writing</td> <td style="text-align: right;">30%</td> </tr> </table>	Classwork and homework	40%	Tests and quizzes	30%	Formal and informal writing	30%	<p><b>Skill Development</b></p> <p>Students will learn to identify literary techniques including detail, imagery, diction, point of view, tone, and syntax, and explain their effects on texts.</p> <p>Students will practice grammar usage and mechanics of standard English.</p>	<p><b>Sample Textbook Excerpt:</b> <i>Night</i>, Elie Wiesel</p> <p>Never shall I forget that night, the first night in camp, which has turned my life into one long night, seven times cursed and seven times sealed. Never shall I forget that smoke. Never shall I forget the little faces of the children, whose bodies I saw turned into wreaths of smoke beneath a silent blue sky. Never shall I forget those flames which consumed my faith forever. Never shall I forget that nocturnal silence which deprived me, for all eternity, of the desire to live. Never shall I forget those moments which murdered my God and my soul and turned my dreams to dust. Never shall I forget these things, even if I am condemned to live as long as God Himself. Never.</p>	
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<p><b>Student Expectations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organization and time management</li> <li>• Focus and work ethic</li> <li>• Receptiveness and communication</li> </ul>	<p>Students will be able to show understanding and application of text using a variety of reading comprehension assessment tools.</p> <p>Students will develop a clear and concise ability to express a full range of ideas through writing in a variety of modes.</p>								