10th Grade—English 2
2026-2027

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Scheduled Class:
Period 5: 11:55 a.m.—12:40 p.m.

The curriculum will focus on the following areas:

- Weekly spelling/vocabulary lists--study of Greek and Latin affixes and bases.
- Students will keep and maintain a vocabulary/English notebook.
- Writing genres (including but not limited to): poetry, narrative, persuasive, descriptive, argumentative, and expository.
- Writing assignments will follow *Write Tools* formatting.
- Students will do a research paper each semester.
- Grammar and Usage.
- Literature: a study of different genres and literature from around the world.
- Trade books (paperback novels).
- Technology will be used to enhance student instruction.

Course Materials:

- *StudySync* – School textbooks for Literature
- Selected short stories, poems, narratives, non-fiction, and fiction texts.
- *Fahrenheit 451* – Ray Bradbury
- *Night* – Elie Wiesel
- iPad (Have it charged, and bring it **daily.**)

Grading for this class:

- Tests, writing assignments and major projects: 45% of grade.
- Quizzes and major assignments: 30% of grade.
- Daily work/homework: 15% of grade.
- Notebooks/Notecards/Outlines/Organizational tools: 10% of the grade.

Late Policy—daily grades:

1 day late: 75%
2 days late: 50%
3 days late: 0

Essays and research papers:

-5 points per week the writing is late.

Semester grades:

- Quarter #1: 45% of grade.
- Quarter #2: 45% of grade.
- Semester test/final: 10% of grade.

Lexington High School Grade scale:

98-100—A+	93-97—A
90-92—B+	85-89
82-84—C+	77-81—C
74-76—D+	70-73—D
Below 70—F	

Class Expectations:

- Know and follow school rules for expected behavior and the learning environment in the academic classroom as outlined in the handbook.
- Use the 100 hallway to enter and exit the classroom.
- All materials/information from the semester course are potentially to be included on the semester exam. Get notes/materials from a peer if you miss class.
- Assignments on paper will be turned in to the basket as students enter the classroom at the beginning of class; papers will not be printed off in class. (Check your FOCUS/homeroom to see about printing your paper(s) before coming to class later in the day.).
- Papers are submitted electronically (digitally) and are evaluated for plagiarism and AI. AI is plagiarism. Plagiarism is academic theft and will be graded 0. Plagiarism includes using/copying others' answers during group discussion, submitting another student's answer(s), or using AI to create written work.
- Make up assignments/school work prior to missing class for any school activity or scheduled absence. Make-up work **IS NOT** to be completed during English class.
- Bookbags, backpacks, etc. are to be left on the back counter in the English classroom.
- No **head phones**, **iPods**, **iPads**, **cell phones**, or **Smart Watches** unless otherwise specified by Mrs. Leick. Cell phones, iPads, and Smart Watches are to be kept in your backpacks.
- Students are to be in their seats when the late bell rings. Detentions are given for all tardies (other than first period, which are handled through the main office). At the end of class, students leave their seats only after Mrs. Leick dismisses the class.
- No leaving the classroom without Mrs. Leick's permission.
- **DO NOT** use turquoise, purple, red, pink, or orange ink. Any work turned in using these colors will **not** be graded.

Mrs. Leick is available to students before 8:00 a.m. and after 8th period classes have ended for the school day. Students can come in to make up work during these times or during 2nd period, but **they must come after 9:10 a.m. and have a pass**.