

# LAKE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



## ENGLISH III Course Syllabus 2012-2013

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### **ENGLISH III**

This course is a chronological survey of American literature from the beginning of history in the United States through contemporary times. It coordinates literature, composition, grammar, and vocabulary through representative readings from historical documents, essays, dramas, short stories, and novels of significant American writers. There is also a specific focus on test-taking strategies (TAKS and SAT) and study skills in order to promote success for varied learning styles. (This course requires students' attendance, attention, and participation. Students who are consistently absent from class risk failing the course.)

MISD English III Curriculum, including TEKS and Standards:

<http://www.mansfieldisd.org/curriculum/english/11thgrade.htm>

Year at a Glance:

[http://www.mansfieldisd.org/curriculum/english/pdf/11th/11\\_yearatglance.pdf](http://www.mansfieldisd.org/curriculum/english/pdf/11th/11_yearatglance.pdf)

MSID English III Approved Reading List:

<http://www.mansfieldisd.org/curriculum/english/pdf/ApprovedReading/English3.pdf>

**Tutoring Schedule:**

324	Shelton	Monday and Wednesday 3:00 to 3:45
322	Turley	Monday and Tuesday 6:50 to 7:20 AM or by appointment
326	Beckett	Tuesday and Wednesday 3:00 to 3:45
324	TAKS (Shelton)	Tuesday 3:00 to 4:00

Please let your teacher know that you are planning to attend so they know to expect you. If you can't make the above times, please speak to your teacher about alternative arrangements or seeing one of the other English III teachers.

**Grading Policies:** The following grading policy is outlined by Mansfield ISD in the district Student Handbook:

Writing: 40%

Tests: 35%

Other (Daily Work, Quizzes, Participation, etc.): 25%

Each teacher should take at least eight (8) grades per six weeks grading period. At least TWO of those grades should be a major assessment/test.

Semester exams count 20% of the grade.

**Textbook:** Holt McDougal American Literature. Students may check out a book upon request. Books will also be downloaded to your child's iPad.

There is also an available online student textbook at <http://my.hrw.com/> . Students will receive login information/password from their teacher.

**My Big Campus:** Find class information, calendars, etc.

<http://www.mybigcampus.com/>

**Standardized Testing:**

**TAKS EXIT LEVEL TEST**

Students will be required to take the TAKS test in the spring of the freshman, sophomore and junior years. The English language arts, math, science, and social studies sections taken during the junior year must be passed before a student can receive a diploma.

**SAT TEST**

Juniors are strongly encouraged to take the SAT test in fall and/or spring in order to start the process for college preparation. These opportunities will allow students time to take the test more than once in order to gain the best score possible. Students who take the fall test will gain the advantage of preparing for specific deficit areas in order to make necessary adjustments prior to graduation.

**Supplies:** Students should not expect the teacher or their classmates to provide supplies for them. Any student who fails to complete work due to lack of supplies will be held accountable.

Pens and pencils, notebook paper

A binder, or a section in a binder/folder, devoted to English III. This section/binder will require several tabs/dividers *just* for English.

**iPads:**

Students will be issued an iPad during the first week of school. Students will be able to use the iPads in the classroom for instructional purposes. **Students are required to bring their fully charged iPads to class each day.** Students will also be able to access textbooks and novels on their iPads. Please see the Student Handbook pages 39-44 for information regarding fees, insurance, and rules for iPad use.

*\*If the iPad and case are lost or stolen, you are responsible for the reasonable cost of repair or its fair market value on the date of loss, including the appropriate deductible insurance coverage and any loss or damage not covered by insurance. Loss or theft of the property must be reported to Mansfield ISD by the next school day after the occurrence, and a copy of the police report must be provided to the district. High School seniors must clear all records and pay all fees before participating in graduation ceremonies. If the iPad and case are damaged, lost, or stolen, you must immediately report such damage, loss, or theft to the MISD Police Department at 817.299.6000*

**Classroom Procedures/Rules/Consequences:** All of the district rules apply to the English III classroom.

MISD High School Handbook Website:

<http://www.mansfieldisd.org/schools/pdf/highschoolhandbook.pdf>

**Attendance, lateness:**

Please see the MISD Handbook. Students will be counted absent and tardy in Skyward when they miss class or are not in the room before the bell rings for class.

**Plagiarism**

When students attempt to acknowledge where they got their information, even if they don't cite the sources correctly or fully, they are not committing plagiarism. Instead they are incorrectly citing a source. This is a forgivable and easily fixed problem the teacher will be glad to help the student with. The attempt to give credit where credit is due is the important part.

But when a student blatantly rips off ideas from any source, even other students, and makes no attempt at all to synthesize the information into his/her own thoughts or give the sources credit, he/she has committed plagiarism and will automatically receive a 0 for the

assignment. The opportunity to redo the assignment will be determined on a case by case basis and depend on the plagiarism committed.

Again, taking credit for other people's words or work will not be tolerated and will result in an automatic zero. This is the only warning students will receive.

### **Make-up work**

If students miss a class, they are responsible for finding out what they need to make up—the teacher will not track them down to give them make-up work. We are always available and more than happy to help students with the work and any questions they may have about what they missed. But it is their responsibility to come to us after class or school.

If students are absent on the day of an assignment, test, quiz, etc. they have **5 school days** to make up the assignment, or make other arrangements with the teacher. After that time, a zero will be entered into Skyward for that assignment.

If students are present the day work is assigned, but absent the day the work is due, it is their responsibility to hand it to their teacher the next time they are in class after the missed day. We will not hunt them down or ask them to turn it in, and if they fail to turn it in on the class meeting after the one they missed, the work is late.

### **Homework/Late work**

Students will receive occasional homework. We try to be mindful of the fact that students can become overwhelmed with vast quantities of homework from their many classes. We will assign a due date with the work. Any work that is not turned in and marked on time is considered late and will receive a 50% deduction. Students will have exactly one day to turn in a late assignment for partial credit. After that extra day, the student will be assigned a 0 for the work.

Again, if students are present the day work is assigned, but absent the day the work is due, it is their responsibility to hand it to their teacher the next time they are in class after the missed day. We will not hunt them down or ask them to turn it in, and if they fail to turn it in on the class meeting after the one they missed, the work is late.

### **Re-Take Policy:**

#### **From the MISD Handbook:**

- Teachers will provide students the opportunity to be successful. In the event students fail to exhibit proficiency on the major assessments or tests, they will be encouraged to participate in the re-teaching/re-testing process designed and determined by the teacher.
- Students will be allowed to demonstrate proficiency of learning objectives by means of a re-test. Students will receive their actual grade with the highest grade being a 70.
- Students will have to make arrangements with the teacher to retake or redo a major

test/assessment.

- All retakes must be completed prior to the end of each six week grading period.
- Students are encouraged to go to tutorials.
- Midterm or final exams are not to be included in the retake/retest policy.

**LRHS English III Re-take Procedure:** Students may re-take a failed TEST **within 5 school days** of their failing for a maximum grade of 70. If the student does not make arrangements within that time period, he/she may not re-take the test. A student may re-write an essay for a better grade after first tutoring with me after school. Whether or not the teacher accepts a re-write will be at his/her discretion. There are NO do-overs for quizzes or daily work.

### **Research**

Research is now a major component in every grade level's curriculum and we will be studying and using parts of the process every six weeks. We will send home more information about due dates, the process, and grading for each project we do. Each step of the project (topic, brainstorm, sources, rough draft, editing, etc.) will have its own deadline. The process builds on itself, step by step, and meeting each deadline is essential. This will not be a project where you can do it all in one night. It will require completing each step. Don't worry—we'll work through it together, and all students will have every opportunity to be successful.

### **Participation**

Active class participation is always expected. We expect students to pay attention and follow all posted rules, as well as all rules in the MISD Code of Conduct. We will also call on students in class to assess learning. Students are expected to listen, analyze, synthesize, and/or apply information during every class session. Students will also work in groups or teams, and we expect them to treat their peers with respect and to give as much effort in groups as we expect them to give on individual assignments.