**English II Honors Syllabus**

**Fall 2023**

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## Course Description

**ENGLISH 10 College Prep: Credit: 1** English II is a course that integrates the Tennessee standards of language, communication, writing, research, logic, informational text, media, and literature in order to prepare students to be successful in college level courses. This course will include extensive reading and critical analysis of a variety of genres, including several significant literary works. The Tennessee Ready assessment will be given at the completion of English II and the score will count as 15% of the student’s final grade. This course meets the requirements of the Tennessee University and College System as a standard English credit. All students are required to pass English II in order to be eligible for a high school diploma.

**Textbook and Course Materials**

Required Text

● *Welcome Back to Study Sync* Volumes I and II McGraw Hill Publishing

Additional Resources:

● *Literature* Prentice Hall textbook for English II

* Holt Handbook for Grammar
* *Everything’s an Argument: with Readings* by Lunsford, Ruszkiewicz and Walters
* *Good Reasons: Researching and Writing Effective Arguments* by Faigley and Selzer
* *The Official ACT Prep Guide*
* Most Used Words from the ACT/SAT
* Medal of Honor Society’s Character Development Program Curriculum
* *Anthem* by Ayn Rand
* *Animal Farm* by George Orwell
* *Choosing Courage* MOH Society
* *Final Salute* by Jim Sheeler
* *Greatest Generation* by Tom Brokaw
* *Flags of Our Fathers* by James Brady

**Grading Policy**

Graded Course Assignments

Grading Scale (NEW FOR 2022-2023)

90-100 = A; 80-89 = B; 70-79 = C; 60-69 = D; 0-59 = F

**August 1-4**

**Vocabulary:**

Aberration abstinence abstract acclaim acquiesce admonish

Advocate aesthetic affinity aggrandizement brevity concise

laconic pithy quiescent reticent succinct taciturn

terse

**Literature:** *In Between Cultures, Letter from Birmingham Jail, Editorial on the Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall, Speech to the Second Virginia Convention*

**Tests:** Vocabulary and Essay on Friday

**Writing Assessment on Thursday**

**August 7-11**

**Vocabulary:**

Alienate Alleviate aloof altruistic ambiguous ambivalence

ameliorate Analogous animosity anonymity bombastic circumlocution colloquial diffuse digress eloquence garrulous grandiloquent loquacious prattle rant rhetorical verbose voluble

**Literature:** *The Power of a Hero’s Journey, The Gathering Place, Valedictorian Address at Anacostia High School, Remarks at the UN General Assembly, A Plea for Global Education, Civil Peace*

**Writing:** Grammar Review, Arguments to Inform and Convince

**Tests:** Vocabulary and Essay on Friday

**August 14-18**

**Vocabulary:**

antagonism antithesis apocryphal arduous articulate assuage

atrophy augment austere authoritarian arrogant braggart

contemptuous disdainful egotistical haughty insolent narcissistic

ostentatious presumptuous pretentious supercilious swagger

**Literature:** *Caesar I*

**Writing:** Review and Arguments to Persuade, Explore and Make Decisions

**Tests:** Vocabulary and Essay Tests on Friday

**August 21-25**

**Vocabulary:**

autonomy aversion belittle bequeath bizarre blithe

bombastic buffoon cache cacophony cajole callous

capitulate capricious carping catalyst catharsis caustic

celestial censure banal cliché derivative hackneyed

insipid lackluster mundane platitude prosaic trite

vapid

**Literature:** *Caesar Act II and III*

**Writing:** Rhetorical Analysis

**Tests:** Vocabulary and Essay Tests on Friday

**August 28-September 1st**

**Vocabulary:**

chastise chimerical chronic circumspect clairvoyant clandestine

clemency coalesce colloquial commiserate compatible composure

conciliatory concise condone conspicuous copious corroborate

crass criterion alley alleviate ameliorate appease

assuage conciliate mediate mitigate mollify pacify

placate quell

**Literature:** *Caesar Acts IV and V*

**Writing:** Arguments Based on Emotion: Pathos, Grammar Review

**Tests:** Vocabulary and Essay Tests on Friday

**September 4-8**

**September 4: NO SCHOOL**

**Vocabulary:**

cryptic cursory dearth debilitate decadence deference

deflate delineate demeanor denunciation deprecate derogatory

desecrate despot deter devious devoid diatribe

didactic diffuse affable amiable amicable congenial

convivial cordial gregarious jocular levity

**Literature:** *Anthem*

**Writing:** Arguments Based on Character: Ethos; Grammar Review

**Tests:** Vocabulary and Essay Test on Friday

**September 11-15**

**Vocabulary:**

diminution discerning disdain dismantle disparage disparity

disperse disposition dissipated distraught dogmatic dormant

duplicity ebb eclectic efface effervescent egregious

elucidate elusive animosity antagonism bellicose belligerent

cantankerous captious contentious disputatious polemical predator

pugnacious

**Literature:** *Anthem*

**Writing:** Arguments Based on Facts and Reason: Logos, Grammar Review

**Tests:** Vocabulary and Essay

**Project:** Begin novel project

**September 18-22**

**Vocabulary:**

dogmatic dormant duplicity ebb eclectic efface effervescent

egregious elucidate elusive embellish embroil emulate enervate

engender enhance enigma ephemeral equanimity equivocate

altruistic benevolent largess lavish magnanimous munificent philanthropic

prodigal squander

**Sept. 18-22, cont.**

**Literature:** *Anthem*

**Writing:** Rhetorical Analysis, Grammar Review

**Tests:** Vocabulary and Essay

**Project:** continue work on novel project

**September 25-29**

**Vocabulary:**

Esoteric eulogy euphemism evanescent exacerbate exemplary

expedient expedite expunge extol facilitate fallacy

fastidious fervor fitful flagrant fledgling forlorn

formidable fortuitous furtive galvanize garbled garner

garrulous gratuitous guile gullible hackneyed haphazard

**Literature:** *Anthem*

**Writing:** Academic Arguments and Structuring Arguments, Grammar Review

**Tests:** Mid-Term Essays and Vocabulary Exams

**Project:** Present novel project Monday and Tuesday

**October 2-6 Fall Break**

**October 9-13**

**Vocabulary:**

hedonist heretic hierarchy homogeneous hyperbole hypocritical hypothetical

iconoclast immaterial imminent immutable impartial Impassive

imperturbable implausible inadvertent incipient incisive Incongruous

incontrovertible Incorrigible indefatigable indigent ingratiate innocuous

inscrutable Insipid insurgent intemperate intractable austere avaricious

frugal mercenary miserly parsimonious penurious thrifty

**Literature:** *Animal Farm*

**Writing:** Arguments of Fact and Arguments of Definition

**Tests:** Vocabulary and Essay

**October 16-20 (16th Inservice Day)**

**Vocabulary:**

irrefutable irrelevant jargon judicious kindle labyrinth

lackluster laconic lampoon lassitude latent laudable

lethargic levity listless lucid malicious marred

meager meandering adversity conflagration confounding cryptic

debacle enigma labyrinth precarious quagmire quandary

turbulence turmoil

**Literature:** *Animal Farm*

**Writing:** Comparison and Analysis of Greatest Political Speeches

**Tests:** Vocabulary and Essay

**Project:** Begin novel project and Toys for Tots Project

**October 23-27**

**Vocabulary:**

meticulous mitigate morose nomenclature nonchalance obliterate

obscure obsolete officious opportunist Opulent overt

painstaking pariah parsimonious partisan paucity peerless

perceptive perfidy baneful deleterious detrimental devious

iniquitous malicious nefarious odious ominous pernicious

rancorous virulent

**Literature:** *Animal Farm*

**Writing:** Comparison and Analysis of Greatest Political Speeches; What Counts as Evidence; Fallacies of Arguments; Grammar Review

**Tests:** Vocabulary and Essay

**Project:** continue work on novel project

**October 30-November 3**

**Vocabulary:**

peripheral peruse Philistine piety pique placate

placid plagiarize platitude pompous ponderous pragmatic

preclude precocious prestigious pretentious procrastinate prodigious

profane profusion berate carp castigate censure

chastise deprecate deride impugn rebuff rebuke

reprove upbraid

**Literature:** *Animal Farm*

**Writing:** Rebuttal Arguments, Narrative Arguments and Putting Good Reasons into Action; Grammar Review

**Tests:** Vocabulary and Essay

**Project:** Present novel project Tuesday and Wednesday

**November 6-7**

**Vocabulary:**

prolific propensity provincial prudent pugnacious quandary

querulous quixotic raconteur rancor raze rebuff

recalcitrant recluse redundant refurbish rejuvenate relegate

relic remorse aloof apathetic detached impassive

indifferent listless nonchalant phlegmatic remote stolid

**Literature:** *Greatest Generation and Final Salute*

**Writing:** Research and Analysis, Casual Arguments, Presenting Arguments, Grammar Review

**Tests:** Vocabulary and Essay

**Project:** Begin Library of Congress’ Veteran’s Project

**November 13-17**

**Vocabulary:**

repudiate repugnant rescind residual resilient respite

reticent retract ruthless sagacious Salutary sanction

saturate savory scapegoat Scoff scrupulous scrutinize

sectarian sequester indolent languor lassitude lethargic

sedentary sluggish soporific stagnant torpid

**Literature:** *Greatest Generation and Final Salute*

**Writing:** Research and Analysis; Grammar Review; Finding Sources; Planning and Evaluating Research

**Tests:** Vocabulary and Essay

**Project:** Work on Library of Congress’ Veteran’s Project and Toys for Tots Project

**November 20-21**

**Vocabulary:**

Serene skeptical sobriety solemn soporific

Sporadic spurious squalid stagnate stoic

Stringent stultifying substantiate succinct sullen

Sumptuous supercilious superficial superfluous surmise

**Literature:** *Greatest Generation and Final Salute*

**Writing:** Research

**Tests:** Vocabulary and Essay

**Project:** Work on Library of Congress’ Veteran’s Project and Toys for Tots Project

**November 27-December 1st**

**EOC Testing will begin during this week**

**Vocabulary:**

Surreptitious susceptible sycophant taciturn tactless

Talon tangential tawdry tedious temerity

Compliant fawning obsequious servile slavish

Submissive subordinate sycophant toady

**Literature:** *Greatest Generation and Final Salute*

**Writing:** Research

**Project:** work on Library of Congress’ Veteran’s Project and Toys for Tots Project

**December 4-8**

**Vocabulary:**

Tenet tentative terse threadbare thwart

Tirade trepidation turbulence unassailable undermine

Unequivocal unethical ungainly unimpeachable

Unobtrusive unscathed untenable urbane utopian

Vacillate ardent avid ebullient effervescent

Exuberant fanatical fervent impassioned vibrant

zealous

**Literature:** *Greatest Generation and Final Salute*

**Writing:** Research

**Tests:** Vocabulary and Essay

**Project:** Work on Library of Congress’ Veteran’s Project and **Pick-up for Toys for Tots Project**

**December 11-15**

**Vocabulary:**

Validate venerate verbose viable vicarious vilify

Vindictive virtuoso vitriolic volatile voluminous voracious

waive wanton whet wither writhe zany

zealot zenith adamant dogmatic hidebound intractable

obdurate obstinate recalcitrant resolve unwavering unyielding

willful

**Literature:** *Greatest Generation and Final Salute*

**Project: Submit** **Library of Congress’ Veteran’s Project**

**December 14-15**

December 14th 2nd and 4th Period Finals

December 15th 1st and 3rd Period Finals 1:00 PM release

**Finals: Study Guide and Review**