

Saraland High School
University of Mobile Dual Enrollment English
English Composition 1

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Welcome to Dual Enrollment English Composition 1

This semester we are going to focus on your reading, writing, and thinking skills. You will read a variety of literature this year, and I highly recommend that you purchase every novel we read so you can work on your annotating skills. The course's purpose is to enable students to read complex texts with understanding and write prose of sufficient richness and complexity to communicate effectively with mature readers.

Course Description:

A course in composition and college level reading designed to provide training in critical thinking, reading skills, and analytical writing. Includes a study of research methods and the writing of documented papers in the context of an introduction to classical epic poetry and selections of lyric poetry and prose writing.

Course Goals:

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to do the following:

- Employ the writing process to include drafting, revising, editing, and proofreading
- Work collaboratively with peers to develop and complete writing projects
- Write essays with clear thesis statements and coherent and unified paragraphs
- Think critically and support thinking with details, examples, reasons, and evidence
- Write essays for a purpose such as argumentation or exposition
- Conduct research using both print and electronic sources
- Incorporate direct quotations, summaries, and paraphrases into essays using accurate documentation
- Provide documentation for sources by accurately writing a Works Cited Page

Procedures:

1. Be in your assigned seat and ready to begin work when the bell rings.
2. Turn in cell phones to the pocket chart before you take your seat.
3. Be in your assigned seat.
4. Raise your hand to be recognized before you speak.
5. Assignments are taken up at the beginning of class and are due when they are called for. I do not accept late work. If you do not have an assignment when it is called for you may not be allowed to turn it in. This applies to assignments that have not been printed or have been left in your car or at home.

Absences and Make-Up Work:

- Attendance is imperative! Students who are frequently absent find it difficult to keep up with discussions and assignments, resulting in poor performance. If you are absent, check with me about an assignment missed at the end of class time on the day you return.

- Make-up work: Students may only make up work missed because of an excused absence. Make-up work is due within three days of the student's return, and make-up tests and quizzes should be scheduled during this time. Make-up tests and quizzes may only be made up before or after school by appointment, and only within the appropriate time limit.

- If you are absent for ANY reason, you MUST complete the assignments online using Schoology.

Deadlines

This is a college course with STRICT deadlines. Most assignments will be due by midnight on a specified date. If the assignment is not received by the deadline, students have 24 hours to turn in and receive up to 50% credit. Anything after 24 hours past the deadline will NOT be accepted. Classwork grades will be deducted 15 points each day for 4 days. After the 4th day, students will receive a zero on the assignment.

Schoology

All assignments will be posted in Schoology. Follow these steps to log in:

- www.saraland.schoology.com
- Username: 10digit#@students.saralandboe.org
- Password: 8-digit birthday Ex. January 1, 2005 would be typed as 01012005.

Required Materials:

- 3 ring binder (with LOTS of paper – college rule)
- Pens (blue or black)
- Highlighters
- #2 Pencils
- Sticky notes
- Novel of choice

Grades

Points will be allocated to each assignment or test; however, grades will be weighted according to the following system:

- Standards-Based Assessments (70%)
- Formative Assignments (30%)

Cell Phone Etiquette

Cell phones and all wearable devices (air pods, Apple watch, etc.) will be turned in to a pocket chart at the front of the room when students walk in for class. Students will pick up cell phones when class is over. For infractions involving improper and/or unauthorized cell phone usage, the following will occur:

- 1st offense: Verbal warning
- 2nd offense: Confiscation and office phone referral. Student can pick up at end of the day.
- 3rd offense: Confiscation and office phone referral. ISS for remainder of period. Parent must pick up phone.
- 4th offense: Confiscation and office phone referral. One-day suspension that appears on student record.

*Student refusal to relinquish phone at teacher's direction results in immediate office referral for behavior/defiance.

Tardy Policy:

- Students are expected to be in class on time.
- Once the tardy bell rings, students not in class will be marked as tardy in PowerSchool.
- After four tardies, students will receive one day of ISS.

Information on Plagiarism:

You will be required to adhere to the University of Mobile's academic integrity policy and Saraland High School's cheating policy. All turned-in work (other than group assignments) is expected to be the original product of you, the individual student. Claiming another's work as your own is plagiarism. This includes turning in assignments that are partially or wholly taken without attribution from another student's work, from print sources, or from electronic sources. The penalty for plagiarizing any assignment is automatic failure of that assignment, and I will report any plagiarism or cheating to the administration. **All writing assignments will be submitted to www.turnitin.com to check for plagiarism. If students do not already have an account, they will need to create one in class.**

Cheating

- Cheating **WILL NOT** be tolerated. The school's disciplinary policy, as listed below, will be strictly enforced. This includes plagiarism and cheating on homework, tests, projects, etc.

1st Offense: Grade of zero given by teacher; admin referral

2nd Offense: Grade of zero given by teacher; removed from all dual enrollment classes; change of diploma status

Cheating includes any form of providing questions or answers to in-class quizzes or tests. Both the provider and copier will be punished. Giving someone your work to look at counts as cheating. Using AI tools to generate essays (when not allowed) also counts as cheating. If AI detection is made by the teacher or www.turnitin.com, the student's grade will be affected.

Generative Artificial Intelligence Statement

This course will allow—in some cases, even encourage—the use of generative artificial intelligence (GAI) techniques in some assignments. Unless otherwise indicated, the default is that this kind of use is prohibited. GAI use must be recognized and referenced. Academic misconduct will be the result of breaking this policy and could result in loss of credit for the assignment(s) as referenced in the cheating policy in the Saraland City Schools' Student Handbook. It is the student's responsibility to follow the requirements of each course or assignment.

Silent Reading

Students will independently read a novel of their choice for 20 minutes every Tuesday and Thursday. Classwork grades will be given for students actively participating. There will be 2-3 projects based on the novels students read. The novel may be anything the student is interested in, as long as it is a chapter book.

Other Important Information:

- If a student is absent, he or she **MUST** keep up with assignments on Schoology. All assignments are expected to be completed while at home and turned in through Schoology.

- All students must sign up for Remind text messages. Text @gg24af to 81010.
 - If you have trouble with 81010, try texting @gg24af to (251) 545-4875
- There is a \$25 course fee that goes to the University of Mobile. If you do not pay the fee, you will not receive college credit. This will be paid through PayPams. You need to show me your receipt.
 - Fees goes live on PayPams August 26th.
- You must pass this class with a 70 to receive college credit. If you receive a 60-69, you will receive high school credit, but you will have an F on your college transcript.

This course requires independent reading. There will be unannounced quizzes and reading checks. This is a college course, and you will be treated as a college student. ***If you are not willing to put in the work, you need to drop this class.***

Content Disclaimer - During this course, we will be experiencing an immense plethora of media, materials, and source content. Some of that content may be mature in topic, theme, and/or language. While no material will be utilized for the sake of profanity, there will be some mature content in the various readings.

Summer Reading Assessments

Thursday, August 22nd – test on *Fahrenheit 451*

Thursday, August 29th – quotes/project due on *Just Mercy* (more information coming soon)

*****Just Mercy*** will be used for class discussions, quizzes, and writing. It is ***imperative*** that you have read this material.