

English 3

NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back To School!

Welcome, Students and Families!

I'm so excited to begin another school year with you! This six weeks, students will build foundational skills in reading, writing, and literary analysis while exploring their identities and learning to express themselves with clarity and confidence.

I will be sending home a newsletter each 6 weeks. This will also be posted in Google Classroom.

Important Dates

- First Day of School: Thursday, August 14
- Holiday: Monday, September 1 (Labor Day)
- The World on the Turtle's Back Test – 8/29
- One-Pager Project – Due 9/4
- Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God Quiz – 9/15
- Tone/Mood/POV Creative Project – Due 9/19
- Start Reading The Crucible – Week of 9/22



What We're Learning

Week 1 – Welcome & Community Building

- Introductions, class procedures, and a fun “Syllabus Scavenger Hunt”
- Activities: Six-Word Memoirs, “Whodunit?”, and The Letter Project
- Goal: Build classroom culture and establish routines

Weeks 2-3 – Creation Myths from Around the World

- We'll read and compare myths from Greek, Chinese, Ute, and Judeo-Christian traditions
- Anchor text: The World on the Turtle's Back (Iroquois myth)
- Focus: Cultural significance, structure, themes, and inference
- Students will complete graphic organizers, a Venn diagram, and a final quiz

Week 4 – Creative Response: The One-Pager

- Students will express their learning through a visual + written one-pager project
- They'll brainstorm, outline, draft, revise, peer review, and submit the project
- Focus: Organization, creativity, textual analysis, and reflection

Weeks 5-6 – Puritan Literature: Fire & Fear

- Text: Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God by Jonathan Edwards
- Skills: Rhetorical devices, persuasion, tone/mood, SOAPSTone strategy
- Activities: Group posters, task cards, tone/mood/POV creative project, quiz

Week 6 – Introduction to The Crucible

- Students will explore the historical context of McCarthyism
- We'll begin reading The Crucible and working on guided reading questions and character maps



Grades This Six Weeks

Minor Grades

- Syllabus Scavenger Hunt
- The Letter Project
- Greek Creation Myth Questions
- Pan Gu and Nu Wa Graphic Organizer
- Test Review (TWOTTB)
- Peer Review (One-Pager)
- Sinners Guided Questions
- SITHOAAG Quiz (Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God)
- Identify Rhetorical Devices Activity
- Creative Project – Tone/Mood/POV (Sinners)
- Act I Guided Questions – The Crucible

Major Grades

- TWOTTB Test (The World on the Turtle's Back)
- One-Pager with Reflection



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Skills We're Building:

- Making inferences
- Comparing texts
- Analyzing rhetorical strategies
- Writing with structure and voice
- Expressing ideas visually and creatively
- Close reading and annotation



REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

- ✓ Please sign and return the syllabus by Friday, August 15
- ✓ Check Ascender regularly for grades and feedback
- ✓ Encourage your student to read and review their notes nightly

Contact Me!

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