



## SLCA SYLLABUS 2018-2019

### ENGLISH I HONORS

**Mission Statement:** SouthLake Christian Academy exists for the sake of God's glory and mission; proclaiming the gospel and discipling the whole person in all aspects of God's reality.

**Course Description:** English I Honors is a comprehensive study of classic world literature in the light of a Christian worldview. Students will read, discuss, and write about various genres of world literature. Students will use important literary, philosophical, and historical connections between the works, the authors, world history, and the Bible to interpret and analyze not only the author's purpose in creating the work, but also the relevance of the work as it applies to modern times.

#### Course Objectives:

- Students will understand that knowledge of literature is foundational for a true education and is a means of communication with people both past and present.
- Students will read and study classic literature in historical context.
- Students will articulate, using literary terms, the merits of a literary work.
- Students will understand and discuss the value of mythology in a Christian context.
- Students will analyze and understand the characteristics of epic works.

**Texts:** (all provided by the school)\*

*A Separate Peace*, John Knowles

*Romeo and Juliet*, William Shakespeare

*Things Fall Apart*, Chinua Achebe

*The Odyssey*, Homer

Selected Poems, various authors

Selected Short Stories, various authors

\*Text order or coverage is subject to change.

\*Students who wish to purchase their own copy of the texts so that they may annotate may do so; please see the teacher for the ISBN for the text you wish to purchase.

**Outside Reading Texts:** (not provided by the school – Students must purchase on their own.)

- First Semester:

*Gifted Hands: the Ben Carson Story*, Ben Carson –

**ISBN-10:** 0310214696

**ISBN-13:** 978-0310214694

- Second Semester:

*Funny in Farsi*, Firoozeh Dumas

**ISBN-10:** 0812968379

**ISBN-13:** 978-0812968378

#### Technology Expectations:

Because all formal written work should be MLA formatted: typed, double-spaced, 12 point, Times New Roman, with one inch margins unless otherwise specified, students must have access to a computer and printer. Students must be able to access and print from RenWeb; use of the internet may also be required for certain projects. Students will also be required to submit some assignments using [www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com). Instructions for using [www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com) will be given during the first week of school. *The school computer lab is open and available to students at scheduled times that are announced at the beginning of the school year and posted in the computer lab.*

**Technology Guidelines:** Students will be using technology per school policy. **Earbuds are not allowed in the classroom at any time.**

**Evaluation:**

- **Tests** = 60% of the grade. Each semester there will be at least six test grades (including major projects or writing assignments).
- **Quizzes** = 30% of the grade. Quizzes may or may not be announced.
- **Homework/ Classwork** = 10% of the grade.
- **No Extra Credit will be offered per school policy.** Students may, however, be given a bonus question on tests or quizzes.

**Test Make-Up Policy:** If a student comes into school late and as a result has missed a test, the student will immediately report to the office to make-up that test.

Students have **ONE** school day for each day absent (excused) to makeup all tests and quizzes. If the test/quiz is not made up in this period, **10 pts will be deducted** from the final test/quiz grade **for each day past the makeup day.** Students should meet with their teacher(s) ASAP to request alternate arrangements if they do not have a study hall or have multiple assessments to complete.

All tests/quizzes are made up during the assigned test makeup period or other study hall. Students may NOT miss a scheduled class to make up a test. If students make up a test or quiz during a study hall other than the assigned test makeup period, they must go with a pass from their study hall teacher to the office to take it.

**Student Absences:** Please contact me if you miss class; it is your responsibility to collect any missed notes, assignments or directions.

**Semester grade** will be calculated as follows:

$$\begin{array}{r} 80\% - \text{semester average} \\ + 20\% - \text{final exam score} \\ \hline 100\% \end{array}$$

**Classroom Expectations:**

- Respect others at all times. This includes listening quietly and attentively while others are speaking, touching only those items that belong to you, and refraining from making comments that may hurt others. (1 Peter 2:17) *Complaining about any other faculty and staff and their procedures/policies will not be tolerated.*
- Take great care of the novels and textbooks issued to you. Fines WILL BE assessed for lost books or damage occurring during the year.
- Always do your best. Your productivity as a student is determined by you. Ways to insure productivity include
  - Being in your seat when the bell rings,
  - Completing homework on time and to the best of your ability, and
  - Being prepared for class. This means that you should have your assigned text, your notebook, supplies, assignments due, and any notes/handouts that are needed for class. *Failure to bring required materials to class will result in a tardy as a result of student leaving class to retrieve materials from locker or to retrieve printed materials from the computer lab.* (Colossians 3:23)

- Always do your own work. **NO** outside sources such as Spark Notes, Cliff Notes, online summaries, or any other materials should be used.
- Follow all rules and procedures of the SLCA Student Handbook and Academic Integrity Policy.

**Required Supplies:**

- Blue or black ink pen only
- Pencils
- Highlighter(s) any color
- College-ruled notebook Paper
- Spiral bound 2 or 3 subject notebook
- 1 set of dividers (5)
- 3-ring binder (1.5 - 2")
- Regular-sized Post-its for annotations
- A copy of this syllabus should be kept in the front of your binder at all times.