English I Course Syllabus

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Overview:

*Springboard* is a comprehensive program that prepares students for success in college level work, and bridges the gap between high school and college expectations. Springboard has tools that will allow students to:

* Participate in interactive, student-centered units of instruction
* Learn reading, writing, oral literacy, and collaborative strategies
* Take a variety of diagnostic assessments measuring their progress

Listed below are the units that we will be covering in class. In addition to the novels and short stories, we will be working on grammar, sentence structure, essay writing, and critical thinking skills.

Unit 1: Short Stories/ Coming of Age

* Students will learn to identify and define literary elements.
* Students will be able to discuss the elements of a story.
* Students will be able to discuss the theme of Coming of Age.

Literature: various short stories, The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros

Unit 2: Defining Style

* Students will be able to identify and define literary elements.
* Students will be able to discuss how authors use specific techniques to achieve a desired effect.

Literature: various short stories, The Pearl by John Steinbeck

Unit 3: Drama

* Students will be able to discuss the elements of a Shakespearean play
* Students will be able to research and write to convey their message

Literature: “The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet” by William Shakespeare

Unit 4: The Novel

* Students will be able to identify the growth of a main character, theme and plot.
* Students will be able to write a technically sound analytical essay.

Literature: To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Students will be provided with the Springboard Level 4 textbook. In addition, students should be prepared everyday with:

* Pencils
* Pens
* Loose leaf paper
* Binder with at least 4 dividers
* Spiral notebook (used just for English)

Grading Policy:

Tests, Assessments, essays, and projects 40%

Classwork /Participation 30%

Quizzes 20%

Homework 10%