**Important Information** English 10 is a course designed to improve reading proficiency, expand vocabulary, and familiarize students with the rules and mechanics of grammar. Students will define poetic and literary terms, conduct extensive research into current events, and write both formal and informal essays.

Sutherland English 10 Syllabus

**Texts for this Class**

* *Grammar and Composition* handbook
* American Literature textbooks
* Grammar and Language Workbook
* *The Tragedy of Julius Caesar*
* *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*
* *The Crucible*
* Creative Writing Novel (teacher’s choice)

**Class Rules and Classroom Procedures:**

Appropriate behavior and respect for others is key to student success and learning.

Students are expected to follow all district and school policies as stated in their student handbook and posted in the classroom.

1. BE POLITE!
2. No getting out of your seats and roaming the room. The bell does not dismiss you; I do.
3. No violent words or actions against another person/group – even those not in the room.
4. Daily participation grades are awarded for class discussions.
5. You may have food/drinks in Ms. Sutherland’s room unless it gets messy!!
6. **Restroom/Hall Pass Policy**:
* Students will have three (3) restroom passes PER NINE WEEKS.
* That is twelve (12) passes for the entire year.
* Please use these wisely.
* If they are used up in the first week of the grading period, the student will not be given more until the new grading period begins.
* Hall passes will not be issued during lectures, tests, quizzes, or other times that interfere with learning.
* Ms. Sutherland will mark these passes next to the student’s name in her grade book.
* Anyone with medical needs should bring a parent/doctor note to Ms. Sutherland.
1. **Cell Phone Policy (BYOD!):**
	1. Use of cell phones and text messaging devices are prohibited during class time if I find such use disruptive to the class.
	2. I expect there will be times when we use devices for research and assignments.
	3. Be smart.
	4. During an exam, your cell phone should be stored securely in such a way that it cannot be seen or used.
	5. The visible presence of such a device during an exam may result in a zero for the exam and is considered de facto evidence of cheating.

*Procedures:*

* Students should be in their seats by the time the tardy bell rings.
* Students should immediately begin copying the bell ringer and the daily journal entry and response into their journals. Journals and bell ringers will be checked once each 9 weeks and are **75 points each**.
* All classwork and homework should be turned into the wire basket located on the instructor’s desk, unless otherwise directed.

**Grading Policy:**

 The student’s grade each nine weeks will be averaged on the basis of the number of points earned divided by the total number of points possible. Grades will come from a variety of different activities, including tests, quizzes, writing assignments, classwork, homework, and participation.

**Academic Honesty**

* Cheating on any activity, assignment, or test will result in a grade of ZERO for all parties involved. Plagiarism will also result in a ZERO.
* During a test, talking = cheating. NO TALKING/NO PHONES
* You are responsible for ensuring that anything you borrow is properly cited.
* Punishment for any form of academic dishonesty, including plagiarism, will range from failure (0) on the assignment(s) in question to dismissal from the course.
* If a written assignment exhibits signs of plagiarism or other forms of academic dishonesty, I will contact the author for a formal face-to-face meeting. Further steps may follow depending on the circumstances.

**Make-Up Work Policy:**

 You are expected to do your work on time. Keeping up with your workload will be difficult enough, but ***it’s easier to keep up than to catch up***. In the rare event that you miss class, please adhere to the make-up work policies listed in the student handbook for St. Clair County.

DO NOT LOSE YOUR SYLLABUS!

Questions?

Feel free to e-mail Ms. Sutherland at holly.sutherland@sccboe.org. This syllabus signature sheet must be returned with a parent/guardian signature; it is worth 25 points. ☺

\*\*\*To view the syllabus: Go to scchs.sccboe.org; click “school staff”; select Holly Sutherland, then click on my forms at the top of the page ☺

**Syllabus Signature Sheet**

I acknowledge that I have read the syllabus for English 10. I understand the content of this syllabus and acknowledge that I am responsible for adhering to class rules and procedures. If I choose not to meet these expectations, I am willing to accept the consequences. I also understand that I may bring in copy paper, tissues, paper towels, etc. for BONUS POINTS.

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Student Signature Date

I acknowledge that I have read the syllabus for English 10. I understand the content of this syllabus and acknowledge that my child is responsible for adhering to class rules and procedures. If he/she chooses not to meet these expectations, I am willing to support the teacher in her commitment to carry out the aforementioned/school policy consequences. I also acknowledge that my child will be reading classic and modern literature and discussing the topics covered within the texts. Some of these topics may involve various mature themes.

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date

**Parent Information (to be filled out by parent/guardian):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Other important information: