

English II 2011-2012

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Course Description: English II is a Level III class and the continuation of MCA's Great Books curriculum. We will read works that range from Ancient Greece through the Roman Era and Middle Ages, with a couple of Shakespeare plays thrown in to lighten things up a bit. Works include (but are not limited to) the following: *Aeneid*, *Introduction to Aristotle (selected works)*, *Measure for Measure*, *King Lear*, *Confessions*, *On the Incarnation*, *Basic Writings (Proslogium)*, and *Canterbury Tales*.

Course Objectives:

1. The student will be exposed to some of the great ideas of Western Civilization.
2. To examine these great ideas in such a way as to lead the learner into a better understanding of self and of the world.
3. The student will develop as a reader, writer, listener, thinker and communicator.

Course Requirements:

1. Students must *diligently read* assigned texts. DO NOT TAKE A SHORTCUT AND USE SPARKNOTES OR OTHER THOUGHT PREVENTATIVES.
2. Students must be willing to think deeply about the ideas presented in the literature.
3. Students will be required to write a minimum of six major papers.
4. Students will be required to participate in class discussions and share their thoughts on the various issues that are raised during the meeting time.

Office Hours:

Please feel free to email, call or text if you need to contact me. I welcome the opportunity to communicate with both parents and students whenever the need may arise. My office hours will be posted on my door.

Materials:

Assigned text, paper and pen or pencil

Grading:

Class Participation.....30%

Major Papers.....40%

Minor Papers.....15%

Quizzes/Reading Questions....15%

Extra Credit:

Extra credit special assignments will be given at Mr. Westfall's discretion.