

**IMPORTANT DATES
TO REMEMBER:**

- October 1: Autobiography Due
- October 9-10: MID-TERM EXAMS
- November 30: Biographical Research Paper Due
- December 17-18: FINAL EXAMS

February 12: FCAT WRITING

You will be expected to respond to an expository or persuasive prompt within a 45-minute time period and produce writing that is focused on the topic and does not contain extraneous information; has an organizational pattern that enables the reader to follow the flow of ideas because it contains a beginning, middle, and end and uses transitional devices; contains supporting ideas that are elaborated through the use of details, examples, vivid language, and mature word choice; and follows the conventions of standard written English and has a variation of sentence structure.

March 11-13: FCAT READING and MATH

You must pass this test in order to obtain a high school diploma in our state. There are three different kinds of FCAT answers: multiple-choice items, short written answers, and longer written answers.



NEW GRADING SCALE:

- A= 90-100
- B= 80-89
- C= 70-79
- D= 60-69
- F= 0-59

**CONTENT ASSESSED
BY FCAT READING**

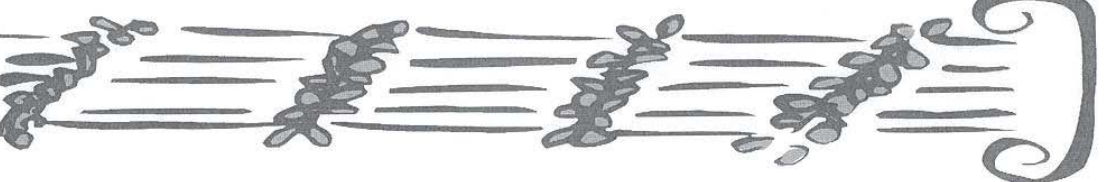
Sunshine State Standards:

- L.A.A.1.4.2 The student selects and uses strategies to understand words and text, and to make and confirm inferences from what is read, including interpreting diagrams, graphs, and statistical information.
- L.A.A.2.2.7 The student recognizes the use of comparison and contrast in a text.
- L.A.A.2.4.1 The student determines the author's purpose and point of view and their effects on the text.
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- L.A.A.2.4.5 The student identifies devices of persuasion and methods of appeal and their effectiveness.
- L.A.A.2.4.4 The student locates, gathers, analyzes, and evaluates written information for a variety of purposes, including research projects, real-world tasks, and self-improvement.
- L.A.A.2.4.6 The student selects and uses appropriate study and research skills and tools according to the type of information being gathered or organized (including almanacs, government publications, microfiche, news sources, and information services).
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- L.A.A.2.4.7 The student analyzes the validity and reliability of primary source information and uses the information appropriately.
- L.A.A.2.4.8 The student synthesizes information from multiple sources to draw conclusions.
- L.A.E.2.2.1 The student recognizes cause and effect relationships in literary text.
- L.A.E.2.4.1 The student analyzes the effectiveness of complex elements of plot such as setting, major events, problems, conflicts, and resolutions.

Jay High School
2001-2002

ENGLISH

*English Stronghold
Language Arts Teacher*



"Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears!"

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CLASS RULES and REQUIREMENTS

1. Be prepared. Bring books, pen, pencil, paper, and English folder to class each day.
2. Be on time. You will be counted as tardy if you are not in your desk when the tardy bell rings. The third tardy results in an assigned task; the fourth tardy results in an office visit, which may lead to in-school suspension time.
3. You are allowed to leave my classroom two times during a grading period (bathroom, locker, office, etc.)
4. At the end of the grading period, you will be awarded two bonus points if you can answer "No" to all of these questions:
 - Do I have any tardies?
 - Have I left the classroom three times?
 - Have I been a behavior problem?
 - Have I received any blue slips?
5. If you have completed all daily and major assignments, you may earn bonus points for memorizing predetermined literary works and attending play productions.
6. Late work will be penalized. After three days, late classwork assignments will not be accepted. Late major assignments will be deducted 10 points for each day.
7. Your nine weeks' English grade will be calculated by averaging your major grades (tests, speeches, book reports, projects, essays), which will count 50%, and by averaging your class work assignments, which will count 50%. (See Class Work Grading Scale.)
8. A lengthy autobiography and a biographical research paper will be due during the term. Each of these will count as three test grades.
9. Mid-term and final exams are required and will count 20 % of your total grade.
10. Don't bring food or drinks into the room.
11. Keep a positive attitude, wear a smile, try your best, and make this a rewarding year.



CLASS WORK

There are four evaluation marks on class work:

- ✓ + = 3 points
- ✓ = 2 points
- ✓ . = 1 point
- Incomplete = 0 points

Your class work will constitute 50% of your nine weeks' grade. Class work points will be added and then divided by the number of required class work assignments.

CLASS WORK GRADING SCALE

3.0=	100
2.9=	98
2.8=	96
2.7=	94
2.6=	92
2.5=	90
2.4=	88
2.3=	86
2.2=	84
2.0=	80
1.9=	78
1.8=	76
1.7=	74
1.6=	72
1.5=	70
1.4=	68
1.3=	66
1.2=	64
1.1=	62
1.0=	60
.9=	58
.8=	56
.7=	54
.6=	52
.5=	50
.4=	48
.3=	46
.2=	44
.1=	42

COURSE OUTLINE

- I. Spelling
- II. Vocabulary
- III. Short Story
- IV. Drama
 - A. Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*
 - B. Sophocle's *Antigone*
- V. Novel
 - A. Steinbeck's *The Pearl*
 - B. Knowles' *A Separate Peace*
- VI. Poetry
- VII. Nonfiction
- IX. Writing
 - A. Expository essay
 - B. Persuasive essay
 - C. Autobiography
 - D. Biographical research paper
 - E. Creative writing
- X. Speech
 - A. Informative
 - B. Persuasive
- XI. FCAT Preparation

Sample Quiz on English II Pamphlet

1. What is the new grading scale?
2. When is the FCAT Writing Test?
3. What two types of writing prompts are on the test?
4. The FCAT Writing Test is timed. How many minutes will you have to read your prompt, think about it, and then write about it?
5. What four things will be evaluated on the FCAT Writing Test?
6. When is the FCAT Reading Test?
7. You must pass the FCAT Reading Test in order to obtain a high school diploma in our state. (True or false)
8. There are three different kinds of FCAT answers on the FCAT Reading Test. List the three types.
9. Which Sunshine State Standards will be assessed by the FCAT Reading Test?
10. What would be the class work average for a student who received the highest possible score on nine assignments but failed to turn in one assignment?