

WELCOME to
ENGLISH
CLASS!





Introduction

Mr. Nielsen

This is my fifth year teaching at IvyTech.

I have a MFA in screenwriting from CSU Northridge, where I later completed my teaching credential program.

I teach English, English Skills, and multiple electives that we will talk about later tonight.





Onsite/Synch English

All middle school students should have picked an INDEPENDENT READING book - fiction, at least 150 pages, and approved by me.

They will have until the end of the semester to read the book, but the project will be a large part of their grade.





Onsite/Synch English

Middle School is currently part of a 3 day rotation.
Tuesdays - Reading short stories, presenting summaries and themes.

Wednesdays - Writing-based educational games designed to focus on writing skills.

Thursdays - Essay writing. Middle schoolers are moving into multi-paragraph essays starting this week.






Onsite/Synch English

High School is currently part of a 3 day rotation.

Tuesdays - Reading short stories, presenting summaries and analysis

Wednesdays - Writing-based educational games designed to focus on writing skills.

Thursdays - Essay writing. 9-10th graders will be writing personal stories, 11th-12th grade will do informative writing.






Onsite/Synch English

All high school students should have picked an INDEPENDENT READING book - fiction, at least 150 pages, and approved by me.

They will have until October 15th to read the entire book on their time! There will be a second book after this for a total of two a semester, or four a year.





THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR

The independent reading and its corresponding projects must be done to get an A or a B in the course.





INDEPENDENT STUDY ENGLISH

9th Graders currently on pace should be reading *The Odyssey*.





INDEPENDENT STUDY ENGLISH

10th graders currently on pace are finishing up a unit on biographies, memoirs, and travelogues.





INDEPENDENT STUDY ENGLISH

11th Graders on pace are working on narrative writing.





INDEPENDENT STUDY ENGLISH

12th Graders currently on pace are writing about their idea of a utopia.





INDEPENDENT STUDY

Things to know:

If students are behind in the course and are in danger of not finishing, I suggest they should always take the final for their independent study course.

The test carries a lot of weight, and I've seen this be the difference between letter grades in the class.





INDEPENDENT STUDY

Things to know:

To make an appointment with me, please email. It can be via in-person or zoom. I'm available limited hours Mondays and Fridays.

I'm always available by email.





INDEPENDENT STUDY

I send a newsletter to the Independent Study students with important information, such as school closure dates and office hours changes.





ALL PARENTS

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me. If you'd like to have a zoom or telephone conversation, we can schedule that as well.

Does anyone have any questions about anything we discussed today?

