

Dear Families,

In English III class, we hope to support our students' development as critical readers and writers through writer's workshop and multiple opportunities for them to engage with a variety of texts. By the end of this school year, our students will be prepared to continue high school with the skills they need in order to be successful in and out of the classroom.

Our ELAR TEKS emphasize reading, writing, listening, speaking, and thinking all the time! Students will have access to a textbook, both in class and digitally. Twice a year, students will engage in a book club with their peers. They will be reading and writing every day. Furthermore, students will have a reading and writing assessment that will be given after each reading and writing unit. The writing assessment will focus on skills specific to college entrance exams such as the ACT, SAT, and TSI. Students will also begin working on test preparation strategies to get them ready for whatever college, military, or certification exam comes their way.

We encourage you to speak with your students about what they are reading, writing, and learning in class. Be sure to continually review their performance via Skyward Access.

Here is an overview of the school year:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Six Weeks: Focus on Narrative</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading and analyzing narrative texts, memoirs, short stories</li> <li>• Writing literary narrative essays</li> </ul>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Six Weeks: Focus on Character</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading and analyzing book club texts</li> <li>• Writing post-mortem character analysis essays</li> </ul>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Six Weeks: Focus on Literary</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading and analyzing drama and poetry</li> <li>• Writing post-mortem character analysis essays</li> </ul>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks: Focus on Informational</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading and analyzing nonfiction and multimodal texts with book club texts</li> <li>• Writing definition essays</li> </ul>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks: Focus on Argumentative</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading and analyzing argumentative texts</li> <li>• Writing argumentative essays</li> </ul>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks: Focus on Literary and Informational</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading and analyzing a novel</li> <li>• Writing choice piece on literary or informational</li> </ul>

We look forward to working with you this year!

Respectfully,

EMS ISD English III Teachers