

**Ewing High School
English Department
Proficiency Statements
English II**

English II enables students to explore literature using a thematic approach. Students will read, discuss, and analyze literature including the works of Shakespeare, Sophocles, and Orwell and will focus on the themes of developing relationships, the tragic hero, identity and the search for self, and abuse of power. To complement each thematic study will be opportunities for students to improve their writing and speaking skills. A research paper will be required, so nonfiction reading and writing is emphasized as well.

To be proficient a student must satisfactorily complete the following objectives:

Assessment

1. Participate in large and small group discussions
2. Deliver an oral presentation
3. Respond to objective test items
4. Complete various forms of writing assignments
5. Complete projects as assigned by the teacher
6. Complete a research paper using all aspects of research procedures

Literature

1. Read, analyze, and complete assignments focusing on the themes of relationships between people, the hero/anti-hero, the power struggle, and identity and self-awareness
2. Recognize and analyze various literary elements and devices as they are used in reading selections
3. Respond to open-ended questions about various works of literature
4. Use media to aid comprehension

Writing

1. Create formal pieces of writing utilizing the writing process
2. Respond to writing prompts given in class
3. Complete between 2 and 4 pieces of writing each marking period
4. Use appropriate conventions of mechanics and usage
5. Speculate about a given picture or situation presented in a writing prompt

Vocabulary

1. Use context clues to determine meaning of unfamiliar words
2. Incorporate new words into original writing and speaking
3. Respond to test questions about vocabulary words

Research Skills

1. Use quotations, paraphrasing, citations, and works cited page in the preparation of essays
2. Use works cited cards, note cards, and outlining as aids in research
3. Write stories and/or essays based upon research