

ENGLISH II HONORS

September 2025

Hello, parents!

It's been a great month in English II H. Read on for a look at what we have been up to and some of the resources we are using in class.

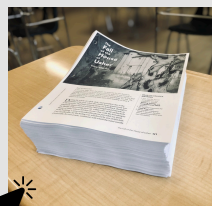
Warm regards,

Mrs. Manner

WHERE WE STARTED

While reading "The Open Window" by H.H. Munro ("Saki"), we practiced essential reading strategies like rereading the text, annotating for deeper understanding, and close reading for analysis. After retaking the initial reading assessment, students worked in groups to annotate the answer key with evidence from the text to either support the correct answer or eliminate wrong answers. This test-taking strategy will be especially helpful when students take the PSAT at North on October 22.

WHERE WE ARE



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DIGITAL TEXT

We are currently reading "The Fall of the House of Usher" by Edgar Allan Poe. Each student received a printed copy of the text, and we are utilizing additional reading strategies like chunking and rephrasing to account for Poe's elevated diction and complicated sentence structure. Students have been doing an excellent job utilizing Pear Assessment's auto-redirect feature to make immediate corrections to multiple choice questions on their open-note assessments. Our initial reading of the text will be complete by September 30.

WHERE WE'RE GOING

After analyzing the techniques writers use to build suspense, students will write an original suspenseful short story. We will have time in class to plan and write in addition to opportunity for peer review and 1:1 writing conferences. I can't wait to see what they create!



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READING STRATEGIES



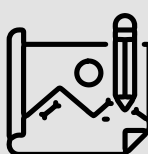
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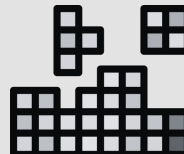
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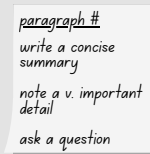
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chunk



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post-it notes

Until next time!