

English I Honors Syllabus

Grade 8 English I Honors Sec. 1 2019-2020 Ms. Hall

Students who pass English 1 Honors earn **one unit** of high school English — four are required for a SC high school diploma. Honors courses are weighted more heavily on the SC Uniform Grading Scale and may have different requirements/assignments than CP courses.

Classroom Rules and Expectations

- Be respectful to everyone.
- Be on time. See the Student Handbook regarding tardies.
- Be productive bell to bell. Packing up early is a no-no!
- Be prepared with all required materials and assignments.
- Be responsible.

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR

- **Know and follow all rules and policies in the Student Handbook.**
- Sit up in your desk. Keep your head off your desk.
- Raise your hand to be called on during instruction.
- Do not leave your seat without the teacher's permission.
- Keep hands, feet, objects, and unnecessary comments to yourself.
- Cell phones are not allowed. They must be turned off and put away. See the Student Handbook regarding cell phones.
- Use Chromebooks and other technology only with the teacher's permission for appropriate educational purposes.
- No personal grooming (applying body lotion, brushing hair, etc.).
- Use the restroom before arriving to class. Restroom passes are provided only for emergencies during class time.
- Plain water in a clear water bottle is the only beverage students are allowed in class. No Gatorade. No soda. No fast food cups.

SCHOOL WORK

- Do all work to the best of your ability.
- All work must be the student's own.
- Keep all graded work until report cards are issued should there be a grading discrepancy.
- Put a proper heading on all work — print or digital. Include first and last names, the date, class period, and topic.
- Work should be neat and legible with attention to detail shown.
- Complete all work by the due date.

CONSEQUENCES will be enforced including writing the rules, calling home, serving detention, and/or receiving a referral depending on the level of the infraction.

—Stay Connected—

❶ **Google Classroom Code:**

❷ **Webpage/PlanbookEdu:**
www.anderson5.net/rams.karenhall

❸ **Conference time:** 10:40 — 11:15 a.m.

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Course Texts and Standards

Textbook: Gr. 9 Pearson *Literature*, print and digital (through PowerSchool)

Novels: See the class web page for novel abstracts. The school provides all novels.

Students visit the library periodically and are expected to check out books for independent reading during class and at home.

Standards: See class web page for English I SC College and Career Readiness Standards.

Required Materials

- **Come to school with a charged Chromebook to avoid detention.**
- **Keep your work neat and organized.**
- 1 ½" — 2" binder with dividers — NO FOLDERS — NO SPIRALS —
- Filler paper (college or wide ruled)
- Ink pens — blue or black only
- #2 Pencils
- Colored Pencils
- Highlighters
- Post-it style notes (2" or 3")
- Earbuds for computer-based lessons — Keep extras in your book bag.
- The school provides the textbook, novels, and Chromebook with charger.

Reward tickets are given for participation and positive behavior.

Ticket drawings winners receive bonus point coupons or school supplies.

Grading

Read Academics on pp. 26 —28 in the Student Handbook for schoolwide policies concerning grades and academic work. A copy has been provided for you to keep with your syllabus in your English notebook.

***Note:** English I students no longer take an end-of-course exam. The EOC is now taken in English II.

- Students must maintain a C average or better to remain in English I Honors. Students' progress will be evaluated at the end of the first nine weeks and the end of the first semester to determine best placement. We do not want students starting high school with grades lower than expected for Honors. (The high schools require a minimum grade of B to remain in Honors.)
- Parents and students should use PowerSchool, Google Classroom, and PlanbookEdu to monitor grades and assignments. If a student is experiencing problems, waiting until the end of the nine weeks to get help is often too late to show improvement for that grading period.
- Class participation includes completing homework, bringing all materials to class, answering questions, being present, and being engaged and on task.
- **Homework for practice will not be accepted late in English I Honors.** While homework for practice is not graded for accuracy, it is checked for completion. If you are absent the day a homework assignment is due, be prepared to show it to me the day you return. Reading assigned for homework will often be checked with an in-class quiz.
- **Late/Missing Work & Late Work Slips:** All other late work must be turned in within five days to receive late credit. A Late Work Slip must be filled out by the student and signed by the parent. This slip will tell the teacher the assignment is finished and ready to be graded. **Missing work will receive a grade of zero until it is completed.** This includes assignments not turned in to Google Classroom by the due date/time. **You have five days to complete a late/missing assignment.** After five days, the failing grade stands.
- **IXL Lessons:** The score earned on an IXL skill is the grade put in the gradebook. Unless otherwise noted, all IXL's must be completed with a minimum score of 80. Anything less than the minimum score is considered missing. Late IXL's must be completed with a 90 or better to receive credit. You must turn in a Late Work Slip. The Late Work Policy is then applied.
- Technology or printer issues are no excuse for not having work done on time. If technology failures happen, visit the school library before first period (with permission) to use a computer or printer, or write the assignment by hand.
- Projects are assigned in advance of the due date, so if you know you will be absent on a due date, turn in the work early. Family vacations and medical appointments, for example, are not excuses for late work. **Turn in the work ahead of time.**
- Late projects and writing assignments will have points deducted based on the rubric provided.
- If you have trouble with an assignment, ask for help before the due date.

Attendance

- See the Student Handbook regarding school and class attendance. Attendance is taken each class period.
- Following an absence, it is the student's responsibility to check with the teacher or a classmate to get any handouts. Please check **PlanbookEdu** and **Google Classroom** before asking what you missed. Check these from home to stay on track if possible.
- You have **five days** from the day you return to school to make up work. After five days, any missing assignments will be considered late/missing. See the Late Work Policy.
- Turn in work early if you know you will be out.
- Parents are asked not to schedule appointments or family trips during class time.

I have received and read the rules, procedures, and expectations for English I Honors. I acknowledge it is my responsibility to talk to my teacher personally if I have any questions or concerns. This syllabus and additional materials are available to me on the class website or Google Classroom at any time. Ms. Hall has high expectations for me because she wants me to do my best and be successful. I will share this information with my parent(s) and keep it in my notebook for future reference.

Student Signature X _____ Date _____

Parent Signature: X _____ Date _____

Grade 8 Cheating Policy

Cheating on any school work is dishonest and will not be tolerated. Plagiarism is a form of cheating that means to take ideas and work of another or to re-use one's own work and pass it off as original work. If a student cheats, plagiarizes, or is found to be dishonest with school work, the teacher will follow the schoolwide Academic Integrity procedures on p. 28 of the Student Handbook.

How can you avoid cheating?

- Do not turn in someone else's work or ideas as your own. This includes sharing electronic documents unless the teacher expressly says to share.
- Do not copy another student's work or do another student's work for him or her.
- Do not allow a parent or anyone else to complete work for you.
- Cite your sources when you quote or paraphrase information. Putting it in your own words does not make it your original thought.
- Do not copy answers from documents on the Internet or other published materials.
- Do not turn in work for this class that you did for another class or another assignment.
- Do not use essays, blogs, or other random information you find on the Internet to complete assignments. (This is different from conducting research with source citations.)
- Do not use math problem-solving software/websites to generate answers.

What will happen if a student cheats or plagiarizes?

Refer to p. 28 of the Student Handbook for the Academic Integrity guidelines.

The student's parent/guardian will be contacted. Additionally, any coaches, AVID teachers, or BETA Club sponsors will be notified.

I have received and read this Cheating Policy and Academic Integrity policy in the Student Handbook.

Student Signature X _____ Date _____

Parent Signature: X _____ Date _____

After having it signed, keep this in your binder.