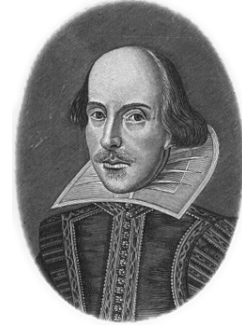


Honors English 10, 2017-2018

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Honors English 10 explores all levels of communication. These include writing, speech, literature, grammar, and vocabulary.

Writing

- A variety of essays will be assigned this year. These may be narrative, persuasive, or analytical. These essays will be worth 40 – 100 points each.
- **I will proofread any essay in advance. This is based on a student's initiative and is not required. Obviously, students who choose to draft essays will see greater improvement in both their writing ability and their overall grade.**
- A formal research paper will be assigned. The entire research project will be worth at least 150 points.
- MLA (Modern Language Association) format is used.
- Refer to the **Freeport Writing Guidebook**, found on the district website or in print, for help with MLA or writing generally.
- Writing criteria will always include grammar, focus, content, style, and organization
- Each student will be set up a turnitin.com account to help avoid plagiarism. This account will be used for submitting most written work.

Speech

- Expect to present both formal and informal speeches.

Literature

- Selections from Holt's *Elements of Literature*.

Harper Lee *To Kill a Mockingbird*

William Golding *Lord of the Flies*

Mitch Albom *Tuesdays with Morrie*

Thornton Wilder *Our Town*

Shakespeare *Julius Caesar* or *Macbeth*

Elie Wiesel *Night*

John Steinbeck *Of Mice and Men*

- Short Stories, poetry, and nonfiction will also be explored in class.
- There will be reading assignments each week. These will be announced and at least two days will be given to complete each reading. On most days when a reading assignment is due, a quiz will be given before discussion takes place. Quizzes range from 5 to 30 points
- There will always be a culminating test, project, and or essay.

Grammar

- Grammar will be taught in relation to writing and speaking. This class will also cover concepts of grammar found on standardized tests.
- Specific lessons include parallel sentence structure, passive and active voice, agreement, fragments and run on sentences, semi colons and colons.
- Culminating quizzes and tests will be given.

Vocabulary

- Expect vocabulary tests twice a month on 30-50 words each test. Words are taken from *Vocabulary Power Plus for the New SAT: Book 3*.
- Quizlet.com already has these words as online flashcards. Feel free to make your own for additional practice.
- Words of the Week (W.O.W) and Latin and Greek root study will provide additional vocabulary.
- Tests do not include a word bank and will evaluate spelling, definitions, synonyms, antonyms, writing, parts of speech, and review words from the last test.

Keystone Literature Test Prep

Students will be assigned **weekly Study Island activities** to be completed online. These will be worth a possible 15 points a week, and will run from November until May. More information about this assignment will be distributed later in the first nine weeks. The content of these activities mirrors the content on the Literature Keystone. In May of 2017, 88% of all Freeport sophomores passed the Literature Keystone.

In May of 2018, all sophomores will be taking the Pennsylvania Keystone Literature Exam. Students may need to pass this test to graduate. The test covers vocabulary, literary terms, critical reading of both fiction and nonfiction, and writing. We will be preparing for this all year.

Students can score Advanced, Proficient, Basic, or Below Basic. In order to pass, students must score Advanced or Proficient.

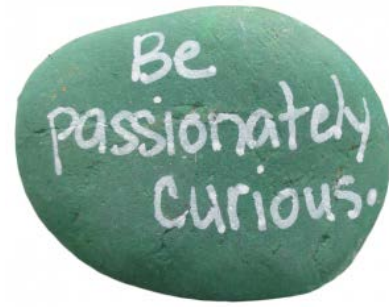
The best way for students to prepare is just to read. Read all assigned work and find books or articles to read for pleasure. It's a reading test, so READ.

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“You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives.” ~Clay P. Bedford

Course Expectations

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- Refer to the Freeport Writing Guidebook, found on the district website or in print for MLA format review, or for tips on writing.
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Speech

- Expect both individual and group presentations.

Literature

- Selections from Holt’s *Elements of Literature*.

Reginald Rose *Twelve Angry Men*

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Independent Choice Novels

- Short Stories, poetry, and nonfiction will also be explored in class. Supplemental books are available as books on tape if needed.
- There will always be a culminating test, project, and or essay.
- Some class time will be available for completing reading assignments.

Grammar

- Grammar will be taught in relation to writing and speaking. Concepts of grammar found on standardized tests will also be covered.
- Culminating quizzes and tests will be given.

Vocabulary

- Expect vocabulary tests twice a month on 20 words each test. Words are taken from *Sadler Oxford Vocabulary Workshop: Level E*.
- Study of Greek and Latin roots will provide additional vocabulary practice.
- Quizlet.com already has these words as online flashcards. Feel free to make your own for additional practice.
- Tests will evaluate spelling, definitions, synonyms, antonyms, writing, parts of speech, and review words from the last test.

Binder – recommended- 2 inch Binder

- Your binder must be brought to class daily.
- The binder will be checked at least once per nine weeks for a grade. It must be divided into 5 distinct sections with dividers.
- *In the front, place the Course Expectations and Course Requirements given on the first day of school.

Section 1: Vocabulary: units, activities, quizzes, test

Section 2: Grammar/ Speech: notes, handouts, quizzes and tests

Section 3: Literature: study guides, activities, handouts dealing with any books

Section 4: Keystone Test preparation materials

Section 5: Writing: outlines, drafts, final essays, handouts, written poems

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