

Contract for Honors American Literature
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1. The honors English courses are preparation for AP English and college English. Consequently, these courses require a heavier and more mature reading load, as well as more rigorous standards.
2. Summer reading is expected. (See brochure, which you received last spring.) If/when you decide to transfer classes, the grades you acquire in this class follow you to your next class.
3. Exemplary attendance is critically important, as is punctuality.
4. Plagiarism will not be tolerated in honors classes any more than it would be in others. Participation in plagiarizing or cheating in any manner will result in a zero on the assignment, and the student will **not** be allowed to resubmit the work.
5. Work is considered late when not turned in at the beginning of the class period. This means that the assignment is ready the minute the tardy bell rings. The student will not be given any portion of the class period to “finalize” the assignment. There is a fifteen-point penalty for every day an assignment is late.
6. Website— The website is designed as both a *supplemental* and *accountability* tool for parents and students. Visiting the site will be a required component of the class. All assignments are posted on the web in advance as well as links to much of the literature covered in class. If students are not in class, they should visit the website to find out what was covered in class on any given day.
7. For all major assignments, a student has at least one week for completion. Therefore, it is the student’s responsibility to see that his assignment reaches the instructor by the assigned due date. “Last-minute emergencies,” such as printer problems, running out of ink in cartridges, and even illness, should not be an issue, since students will always know the assignments’ due dates well in advance. It is the student’s responsibility to budget his time. It is our aim as instructors to help you prepare for college, where budgeting one’s time is of critical importance. If a student is absent the day an assignment is due, he should have a parent or a classmate see that it is turned in on time, regardless. Of course this rigorous stipulation applies only to major assignments; daily-grade assignments can be turned in the day the absent student returns to school as long as there is an excuse on file. If a student leaves school prior to the class period an assignment is due (without submitting the assignment) then the assignment is considered late.

Signature of parent

Date

Signature of student

Date

Signature of instructor

Date