

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors English --Dr. Suzanne Lustie**

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Students will engage in a wide variety of reading and writing activities as they seek to move to an advanced level of proficiency as measured by Douglas County reading and writing standards. English Honors is seen as a very important part of the vertical team alignment preparing students to take Advanced Placement Language and Composition as a Junior and Advanced Placement Literature and Composition as a Senior. For many students, success in the honors programs and the AP program gives them the self-confidence and preparation necessary to accomplish college-level work. Thus, there is a higher level of expectation in this class than in a regular English class. This may not be in the amount of homework assigned but rather in the expectation of the level of intellectual curiosity, rigor and commitment.

**Writing -- We will write in a variety of ways, for a variety of purposes**    ⦿ Reader's / writer's notebook

⦿ Written responses in Day Book    ⦿ Formal essays    ⦿ Short responses

**Please note:** All written assignments done outside of class must be typed, double spaced or 1.5 spaced (*with some exceptions, e.g., in class journal work*)

**Materials:**    ⦿ Composition notebook / Writer's notebook -- for English only please -- I like the stitched kind

⦿ Binder and Binder paper

⦿ Post - It notes / Transparent flags for marking texts

⦿ Pens, pencils *You may want personal copies of the books we are reading so you can annotate*

⦿ You will be using Day Books and Vocabulary Books and will need to purchase these

⦿ I find it helpful to have all of these sticky note tab thingies handy for reading and writing

⦿ **Tissue for the classroom** --crucial!! **Hand Sanitizer** --crucial. Please help us here !!

**Student's Right to Read**

Please note: I believe in the National Council of Teachers of English "Student's Right to Read" policy which encourages students to make intelligent decisions for appropriate reading. Students who do not wish to read a selection for reasons of personal values, religious beliefs or other significant objections may at any time, with the teacher's guidance, select an alternative work comparable in difficulty and subject matter. However, if you want alternative titles there needs to be a connection with what we are doing in class. Know that you may need to have an independent study unit in the library. Also know that this class is pre-AP so the list of works used on the AP test should be consulted if an alternate is needed.

**Independent Reading**

We will do some reporting on books read outside of class but I can't encourage you enough to read widely on your own. Don't wait to only read what you are assigned in class. Literature serves a wide variety of purposes. I have a huge selection of books in the room for you to use for your recreational reading if you wish. I would encourage you to sample them, and talk to me about them. Just be sure these books eventually come back to my room.

**Academic Honesty** Rock Canyon High School considers cheating or academic dishonesty (plagiarism) to be a serious violation of school rules. The school has adopted procedures to deal with students who: **1.** Receive or provide information during a test **2.** Receive or provide information on tests given during an earlier period **3.** Use unauthorized material on tests **4.** Use ideas or written material from other sources -- student, professional writers, internet notes / study guides -- without acknowledging the source in their own writing. **5.** Use or copy another student's homework when not authorized by the teacher to do so. **6.** Allow other students to use their work on assignments.    -

Consequences are listed in the Student Handbook

**Please note as this may be a new policy for some of you.**

**Missing / Late Assignments** --homework and class assignments are **NOT ACCEPTED** unless you have had an **EXCUSED** absence. An assignment needs to be in class when it is due for it to be **on time**, not in your car, not being delivered, not in your girl/boy friend's locker.

⦿ Larger papers and projects will be accepted one day late for half credit    ⦿ Any missing assignment will receive a zero in the grade book Remember you can check on-line to keep informed regarding grades as well as attendance

**Bell Quizzes** will be given at the beginning bell. **They may not be made up, they may not be started after the last bell** has rung. To allow for times when you could not be in class, I will drop the lowest five grades each semester.

**Attendance** Inconsistent attendance invariably leads to increased stress: too much make up work, loss of continuity with class activities, and inability to participate fully in discussion. Learning to manage yourself is essential to your success at home, in school and at work. Please take care of yourself by careful planning. I want you to do well.