

English 2 Honors
Course Syllabus

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Class Description:

Welcome to Honors English 2. This year, we will journey through time studying a variety of fiction, nonfiction, and media focused on the theme of journeys. In addition to reading, we will also write extensively using a variety of styles and formats. Students will be introduced to four tests which will play a significant role in their futures – the SAT, ACT, OGT, and Literature and Composition AP test.

General Syllabus:

**More detailed syllabi will be given with each unit.*

1st 9 weeks

- Class reading – *The Odyssey* (Homer)
“A Supposedly Fun Thing I’ll Never do Again” (David Foster Wallace)
- Independent reading – *Of Mice and Men* (John Steinbeck)
- Test prep – SAT

2nd 9 weeks

- Class reading – *As I Lay Dying* (William Faulkner)
- Independent reading – *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* (Maya Angelou)
- Test prep – ACT

3rd 9 weeks

- Class reading – *The Inferno* (Dante Alighieri)
- Independent reading – *Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* (Robert Louis Stevenson)
OR CHOICE NOVEL (see online classroom)
- Test prep – OGT

4th 9 weeks

- Class reading – *Into Thin Air* (Jon Krakauer)
- Independent reading – *Chinese Cinderella* (Adeline Yen Mah) OR CHOICE NOVEL (see online classroom)

General Information:

- Please check the online classroom regularly. Objectives, assignments, and helpful resources are available, along with a calendar of due dates.
- If you are absent, please check the web site and see me upon your return.
- Most homework will involve reading outside of class. You are expected to complete all reading assignments on time and come to class prepared for discussions and activities.
- Grading scale : 90%-100% A
80%-89% B
70%-79% C
60%-69% D
59% and lower F
- Late work:
 - All assignments are expected to be turned in on time. Penalties for late work will be based on the actual assignment and provided to when the assignment is given.
- Cell phones:
 - Cell phones are permitted for educational use in the classroom. Cell phones may also be used if you complete class work before the allotted time is over. Cell phones may not be used for phone calls or to take pictures.