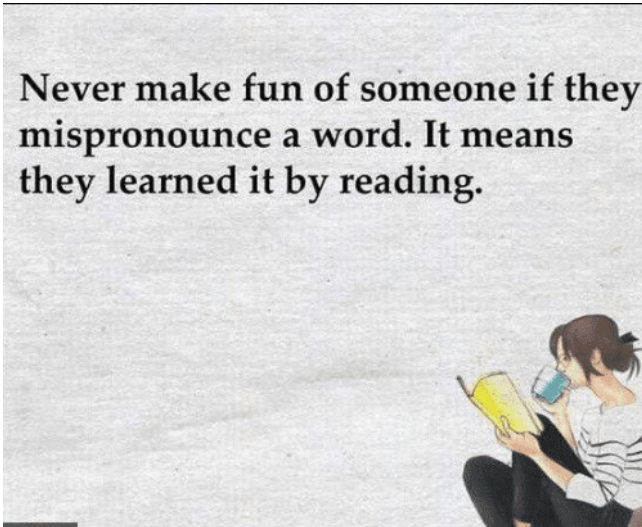


**Never make fun of someone if they mispronounce a word. It means they learned it by reading.**



# 8th Grade English Honors

Mrs. Appleby 2020-2021

## OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

In honors you will challenge yourself to go above and beyond mandated curriculum. You will strive for: timeliness, the ability to multitask, and the ability to work in groups. Students should be reading at a high level, be able to comprehend and think critically about texts, understand the verbiage associated with grammar and writing, and be willing and eager to participate in class

and share ideas. An honors student is above all mature, respectful and able to appropriately handle difficult themes and differing opinions.

## REQUIRED MATERIALS

For sanitation reasons, I will not be able to have shared supplies this year! Therefore, it is critical that every student has his/her OWN supplies this year:

- \*3 ring binder (assignments saved & organized)
- \*Pens or pencils (all year)
- \*Spiral or Comp notebook for English class only!
- \*Glue stick or similar

- \*Loose-leaf paper for assignments
- \*Colors (colored pencils or markers)
- \*scissors

## READING LIST

Please show this list to your parents so they can be aware of your studies. The following will be read during 8th grade with Mrs. Appleby:

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| 1. <i>Call of the Wild</i>        | 7. <i>Annabel Lee</i>                 | 12. <i>The Black Cat</i>                  |
| 2. <i>The Outsiders</i>           | 8. <i>The Masque of the Red Death</i> | 13. <i>Poison</i> by Roald Dahl           |
| 3. <i>Two Old Women</i>           | 9. <i>The Pit and the Pendulum</i>    | 14. <i>The Fall of the House of Usher</i> |
| 4. <i>The Raven</i>               | 10. <i>The Six Swans</i>              |   |
| 5. <i>The Cask of Amontillado</i> | 11. <i>A Separate Peace</i>           |   |
| 6. <i>The Tell-Tale-Heart</i>     |                                       |   |

## PARTIAL READING LIST

OTHER NOVELS, SHORT STORIES, POEMS AND TEXTBOOK EXCERPTS YOU MAY READ INCLUDE:

1. *Sherlock Holmes: A Study in Scarlet*
2. *Sherlock Holmes: The Adventure of the Speckled Band*
3. *Peter Pan*

## MAKE-UP WORK (Missed Classes)

If you miss a class, YOU are responsible for checking the whiteboard for information about activities and work you may have missed. Ask your peers for clarification of directions before or after class. If you need additional help from Mrs. Appleby, please plan to come in during lunch, DO NOT INTERRUPT class time.

- All assignments, quizzes, tests or projects are due ONE DAY AFTER YOUR ABSENCE.
- All make-up quizzes and tests must be done during our new scheduled WIN time.

### Food Policy

Because of new COVID guidelines snacks and drinks will not be allowed during class this year. You have a 10 minute breakfast/snack time every morning, and this year you will be getting lunch earlier than ever before! Plan to have your snack during those times.

### Tardy Policy

You must be in class when the bell rings or you will be considered tardy. You may come to class prepared with materials including: paper and writing utensils, homework assignments, books, etc.

### Electronic Devices

Cell phones and computers may be used only with teacher permission. I actually love when we use cell phones and laptops for learning, BUT they should not even be on your desk (because they are so tempting) without teacher permission. Just ask me first! You may not wear headphones in my classroom unless you specifically ask and are granted permission from me.

### Parental Permission

Due to the media literacy requirements of Common Core Standards, and also popular demand, we will view different movies, documentaries and media snippets in this class. Please initial below whether or not your student has permission to watch PG (or TV-PG) rated fiction and documentaries throughout the year. (Some titles we might watch with a PG rating are: *White Fang*, *Call of the Wild*, *The Outsiders*, *Sherlock Holmes: The Adventure of the Speckled Band*, and *Crash Course Youtube Channel*) If high rating movies are necessary, I will send home a separate slip.

Initial one:

\_\_\_\_\_ I give my student permission to watch PG viewings in English class.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not give my student permission to watch PG viewings in English class.

## CONTRACT

The honors program is about challenging oneself to go above and beyond the state mandated curriculum. In an honors program the student is held to a higher standard in both the work he/she completes, and the way that student presents himself or herself. With that in mind, an honors student exhibits traits that all students should aspire to: drive, timeliness, ability to multitask, and a healthy sense of competition and inspiration to be the best in class. The student should be reading at a high level, be able to comprehend and think critically about texts, understand the verbiage associated with reading and writing, and be willing and eager to participate in class, share ideas and work in groups. An honors student is above all mature, respectful and able to appropriately handle difficult themes and differing opinions.

### **RULES FOR REMAINING IN HONORS:**

- Students in Honors must maintain a “B” or better for each grading period in English class. If final grade is below a “B” the student will face a review by the teacher and the building principal that may result in removal from the class
- Students in Honors have good standing, “C” or better for each grading period, in all classes.
- Cheating on tests, assignments or PLAGIARISM will be cause for immediate removal from the class, and an “F” will be placed in for the final grade on that assignment
- Have zero (0) unexcused absences
- Receive an A, B, or C on all reading tests and quizzes (without retakes)
- Any discipline referrals will result in a review from the building principal.
- COMPLETE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER PROJECT BY DECEMBER 1ST. (Mrs. Appleby will assign)
- Meet proficiency on all English standards
- Have no more than one zero or late assignment per trimester

If you fail to meet the eligibility requirements, you will not earn an honors designation on your transcript and you *may* be removed from the class at any time. I have read this contract and agree to the terms listed above.

I have read the above and understand the expectations reviewed. **Please sign and return the Parental Permission and Contract to Mrs. Appleby by Tuesday, September 8, 2020.**

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Parent or Guardian Name

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Student Name

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Parent or Guardian Signature

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Student Signature

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**PARENT OR GUARDIAN EMAIL**

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Date

(\*Please provide your most used email address. Thanks!)