

BENGAL ENGLISH



Dear Honors English I students:

Welcome to the HHS Honors English I program for 2016 – 2017! We look forward to working with you this upcoming year. Get ready to embark on a journey through time as we study heroes from ancient mythology to the sci-fi future. As an ‘honors student’, it is our expectation that you come to class with a commitment to excellence, and it is our goal that you leave our classes with a love of literature and writing.

Honors English I begins with a shared summer reading experience thematically related to the focus of the course: the Hero’s Journey. Honors English I students must read *Ender’s Game* by Orson Scott Card. **This reading, along with the reading journal described below, is due the first day of school.** We will assess your reading through an objective test, class discussion, and a writing project.

Along with your reading, you will create a reading journal, which you will be permitted to use during the assessments for *Ender’s Game*. Read the novel for pleasure first! You will have an easier time completing the reading journal if you already know the plot, characters, and themes. You may determine the layout of your reading journal, but it must be typed, spell-checked, and easy to follow. Your TYPED reading journal must include the following information:

1. A list of 2-4 key events in each chapter. Write 1-2 good sentences describing each event and its importance to the story as a whole.
2. A brief description of each significant character. Write no more than 3 good sentences to describe a character’s personality, motivation, role, and importance in the novel.
3. Explanations of six lessons Ender learns that are essential to his survival and ultimate success in war. Write 3-5 good sentences that describe each lesson and explore its significance to Ender’s development as a commander [For example, what strategies does Ender use to beat Stilson? What strategies does Ender use at Battle School? What does Ender learn from Graff?]

Copies of *Ender’s Game* are available for checkout at the HHS main office. Copies are also available at the Lewis and Clark Library.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Warmly,

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