



# Bengal English

Honors English I Students:

Welcome to the HHS Honors English I program for 2017-2018! 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. 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 1-3 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 the 10 most significant (in your opinion) characters. Write no more than three good sentences to describe a character's personality, motivation, role, and/or importance in the novel.
3. Choose six of the attached 10 questions and answer each in 5-10 complete sentences.

\*\*Please note that if any portion of your summer assignment is plagiarized you may be removed from Honors English!

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!

Sincerely,

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## Questions

1. How does Ender use patience to be victorious?
2. Explain which character shows the most perseverance.
3. Does compassion have a place in war?
4. Is there a difference between arrogance and confidence?
5. What is the difference between wisdom and intelligence in *Ender's Game*?
6. What is the more powerful emotion: hate or love? Use Peter or Valentine as evidence.
7. Is it ever ethical to deceive someone?
8. Is it better for a leader to be feared or respected? Choose one.
9. Is forgiveness necessary for closure?
10. Can loyalty ever be a character flaw?

**\*\*Remember, only need to answer six of these. Choose whichever ones you want.\*\***