



VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CHARTING THE COURSE

Department of Teaching & Learning
Parent/Student Course Information

Honors English Grade 12
(LA1162)

Counselors are available to assist parents and students with course selections and career planning. Parents may arrange to meet with the counselor by calling the school's guidance department.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Honors English 12 course is a culmination of the Honors English program. Thematic units focus on the exploration of the self, one's interaction with society, and the personal journey in relation to the global community. Through an intense study of literature, students will become better writers, critical thinkers, and readers. Critical thinking is enhanced through the reading of major literary works, developing commentaries on novels, plays, and poems, writing on literary and personal topics, and researching primary and secondary sources. Continued attention is given to reading for analysis, understanding different viewpoints, and recognizing literary techniques used by writers where students offer insightful commentary about those literary techniques. Writing, reading, discussion, performance-based assessments, and classroom presentations require students to move beyond literal recall of facts to an interpretation of literature with cooperative written response.

Honors English 12 requires students to use the writing process to develop expository, narrative, reflective, and persuasive writing. Through writing instruction, students learn to analyze their own writing and set goals to improve their composing and expression, and grammar, usage, and mechanics. Students are provided opportunities to examine various purposes for writing and to consider how writers make choices based on audience, purpose, and format. The students continuously revise and edit their work as they build their writing.

All pieces of a student's writing are stored in a Works in Progress folder from which each student selects pieces of writing for his or her writing portfolio. The contents of the portfolio illustrate how each student has grown and improved as a writer throughout the year.

PREREQUISITE

Honors English 11 or English 11 with teacher recommendation

REQUIRED STUDENT TEXTBOOK

Holt McDougal Literature, 12

12th GRADE VIRGINIA STANDARDS OF LEARNING: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Visit the Virginia Department of Education website to access the English 12 Standards of Learning
http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/standards_docs/english/index.shtml

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

The teacher may choose supplementary materials to extend and enrich the students' knowledge of course standards. These materials may be drawn from: supplementary novels, visual media, primary source documents, simulations, computer programs and other online educational resources.

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