

English 10 Honors Overview

English 10 Honors is a course organized around the study of European literature. It includes the study of expository texts, novels, drama, and poetry. Students will be challenged to grow in their practical language skills through class discussions, essay writing, creative projects, and oral presentations. Students will continue to develop grammar, punctuation, and vocabulary skills. Students will also construct multi-paragraph essays that respond to non-fiction texts, analyze literature, and persuade an audience. Analysis is a key skill that students will employ as they explore the significance of a piece of text and the elements of writing that create meaning. Ultimately, students will write a research paper for which they read a full length text, investigate critical sources, then analyze those sources to create a unique argument with support.

Skills for Success

Upon entering the course, students should be able to:

- Comprehend and critically analyze grade-level fiction and non-fiction texts
- Develop and support an argument in a multi-paragraph essay
- Contribute effectively and thoughtfully to classroom discussions and presentations
- Demonstrate understanding and control of proper English usage, grammar, mechanics, and writing conventions.
- Take notes and organize a notebook independently and routinely

Workload Expectations

- Read 5-6 major literary works, as well as non-fiction, short stories, and poetry (works typically read include *Lord of the Flies*, *Macbeth*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Animal Farm*, *Anthem*, *All Quiet on the Western Front*, *Night*, and a work of student's choice from an approved list)
- Be prepared for independent reading assignments of 20-50 pages
- Write 2-3 multi-draft essays, 6-8 timed or in-class writing assignments, and 1 major research paper
- Prepare and deliver formal 5 minute pre-IB oral presentations
- Complete 3-5 group and individual projects

Course Notes

10 units UC "B" approved

Level of Difficulty: Very Challenging

Estimated Homework

45- 60 minutes nightly. NOTE: Homework frequently includes reading and writing. Homework lengths will differ according to a student's reading level and writing proficiency.

IB Learner Profile

Successful RBV honors students are:

- Inquirers
- Knowledgeable
- Thinkers
- Communicators
- Principled
- Open-minded
- Caring
- Risk-takers
- Balanced
- Reflective

Course Objectives

This course is designed to prepare students for the rigorous reading and writing requirements of AP / IB curricula, and for university coursework. Students will also practice skills assessed by CAASPP, SAT and ACT.