



# 7th Grade Honors English Syllabus

**Teacher:** Mrs. Vukonich

**School Year:** 2020-2021

## Objective

Our goal this year is to build, utilize, and refine our reading, writing, and communication skills to become more engaged, effective, and cognizant people. We will study writing, grammar, and mechanics of language as well as continue to explore literature in various genres. Learning will be demonstrated a variety of ways including tests, quizzes, papers, projects, presentations, debates and creative writings

## Required Materials

- \*3 ring binder & 5 dividers
- \*Loose-leaf paper for assignments
- \*Pens or pencils
- \*Colors (colored pencils or markers)
- \*Spiral or Comp notebook for English class only!
- \*Glue stick or similar

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\*School provided chromebook to be charged every night

## Grading Breakdown

Bigfork Middle School Grading Scale is as follows:

100%-90% - A

89%-80% - B

79%-70% - C

69%-60% - D

59%-lower - F

Grades are based on tests, quizzes, papers, classwork, homework, and participation.

## Reading List

- 1) Out of the Dust
- 2) Ugliest
- 3) The Big Burn
- 4) The Darkest Hour
- 5) Sherlock Holmes: The Adventure of the Red-Headed League
- 6) Montana Chillers: 13 True Tales of Ghosts and Hauntings

\*As the year progresses, there is the possibility that additional texts will be changed/added as needed.

## Google Classroom

Google Classroom will be the main platform we will use for assignments and class updates or instructions. Mrs. Vukonich will post everything she can to Google Classroom so you can access it at home or if you need further review. Google Classroom has a grading feature, but Mrs. Vukonich will use the school's grading system to record final grades. Please check grades

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on Powerschool frequently so you are updated on your current grade or if you have any missing work. Your grade is your responsibility!

## Class Expectations

- \*Be on time, tardiness is not permitted
- \*Have materials (pencil!) and assignments ready
- \*Be respectful of others
- \*Speak with academic vocabulary
- \*Be positive!
- \*Drama free classroom

## Make Up Work/Missed Class

If you miss a class, YOU are responsible for checking the missing work folders 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. Vukonich,, please arrange to come in during lunch or before or after school, DO NOT INTERRUPT class time. - All assignments, quizzes, tests or projects are due ONE DAY AFTER YOUR ABSENCE. Quizzes and tests must be redone outside of class unless time permits.

## Food Policy

I understand you have a late lunchtime, and having a quick snack in class will be allowed; however, full lunch consumption will not be allowed in English class! The rule of thumb is: if you can hold your snack in your lap while you are actively writing or reading and you are not disrupting others, you can have it in class. No lunches unpacked onto your desk taking up desk/learning space. THIS IS ENGLISH CLASS. YOU NEED TO BE ABLE TO READ AND WRITE AT ALL TIMES. \*If you have a question about what is permitted, clear it with Mrs. Vukonich first.

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## Electronic Devices

Cell phones and personal computers may be used only with teacher permission. Cell phones should not even be on your desk (because they are so tempting) without teacher permission. If you need to call a parent, or if you have a personal situation going on that requires immediate communication, just let me know and I will allow you to use my phone. You may not wear headphones in the classroom unless you specifically ask and are granted permission. If a phone or other electronic device is being used outside the scope and purpose of the class without the teacher's permission, the device will be confiscated. Please remember to bring your chromebook to school each day and charge your chromebook every night.

## 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. If high rating movies are necessary, a separate slip will be sent home.

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.

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## Honors 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 multi-task, and a healthy sense of competition and inspiration to do well. 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 a high-level Socratic discussion about a myriad of themes and ideas. 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 the 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. Vukonich 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.

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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. Vukonich by Monday, September 4th, 2020.

I have read the above and understand the expectations reviewed. Please sign and return the Parental Permission and Contract to Mrs. Vukonich by Friday, September 4th, 2020.

Parent or Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature  
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Student Name  
\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT OR GUARDIAN EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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

I know we will have a GREAT year!

Thank you,

Mrs. Vukonich