

# Murray High School

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Dear Student:

Welcome to Honors English 11 for the 2016-2017 school year. This is a rigorous class that will prepare you for AP, concurrent enrollment, or other college classes. Our focus will be on close literary analysis with many types of text, and on clear, concise writing skills with essays, short responses, and argument-based formal research. In addition, we will work on grammar and vocabulary skills, partially to prepare for ACT/SAT exams. We will do this while studying various literary movements in the American literature canon and contextualizing those movements with what you will be studying in your American history classes.

Expect to spend time each week reading, writing, and studying at home. Combining quality class and at-home time with hard work and dedication, will result in a high grade and deep understanding of the concepts and skills. Registering for this class means that you are up to the challenge.

The summer reading and writing assignments are attached. All assignments are due at the **BEGINNING** of the period on the **FIRST** day of your Honors English 11 class. You should prepare to be tested on the summer reading during the first weeks of class. Summer reading and assignments are designed to keep you actively thinking and reading before you begin your junior year.

This class builds upon the concepts Mr. Wood taught you in Honors 10. You will want to review the tutorials, handouts, and forms available on his website at <http://www.murrayschools.org/schools2/mhs/english10h/>. (If you did not have Mr. Wood sophomore year, please review the tutorials carefully and I will help you with any questions you have.) Pay particular attention to the essay tutorial since we will use that essay format as the foundation for writing in Honors 11. You will be writing an in-class essay during the first two weeks of school.

Get started on your summer assignment early. Procrastination never produces great thinking.

Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Christy DeJong Waite

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