

Dear Soon-to-be Honors English II Students,

Your teachers have recommended you for English Honors II for next year. I am looking forward to working with you. There is never enough time in the course of the year to cover all the material needed for your education. Because of this fact, you will have the following work to do over the summer. If you are unwilling or unable to do so, please let us know so we can place you in English II.

I. Experience has shown that we are unable to devote enough time to vocabulary during the year. I am asking you to begin to familiarize yourself with approximately ten vocabulary words each week during the summer. You must make a note card for each word. Place the word on one side. On the other side write the part of speech, the definition, and a sample sentence. You may draw a small illustration for extra credit. Your cards should be complete on the first day of school. The tests will be spread over the first nine weeks and will be given by columns so organize your cards accordingly.

<u>Column 1</u>	<u>Column 2</u>	<u>Column 3</u>	<u>Column 4</u>	<u>Column 5</u>
obliterate	odious	alacrity	archaic	supercilious
acumen	dogmatic	ephemeral	auspicious	innocuous
obtuse	elucidate	equivocate	prodigal	rancor
plethora	garrulous	rote	prostrate	insipid
placate	vex	avarice	allay	precarious
superfluous	cryptic	terse	astute	assuage
epitome	credulous	beseech	suppliant	enmity
acrimonious	heinous	coerce	boorish	vacillate
quandary	brusque	edify	qualms	bombastic
impetuous	disconcerted	apathetic	vindictive	mortify
alleviate	tremulous	lucid	misnomer	defer
ostracize	derision	harbinger	poignant	specious
callow	potent	imprudent	miscreant	abominable
haggard	oblivious	misconstrue	ravage	miniscule
acclimate	arduous	compatible	dubious	averse
sordid	meticulous	effrontery	exacerbate	capricious
axiomatie	banal		contentious	penchant

II. Your **first major grade** of next year will be based upon your summer reading.

To receive a **D** you must:

1. Read *Animal Farm* and get at least a passing grade on the test.

To receive a **C** you must:

1. Read *Animal Farm* and get at least a C on the test.

2. Turn in illustrations of the major events in each chapter. These colored illustrations will show you have read the book and will serve as a review before any test or discussion. You do not have to be an artist to do this assignment. Stick figures (or animals, as the case may be) are perfectly acceptable.

To receive a **B** you must:

1. Read *Animal Farm* and receive at least a C on the test.
2. Turn in illustrations of the major events in each chapter. These colored illustrations will show you have read the book and will serve as a review before any test or discussion. You do not have to be an artist to do this assignment. Stick figures (or animals, as the case may be) are perfectly acceptable.
3. Read one other book from the list below and keep a reading journal. You should have a minimum of ten entries. I suggest stopping at each chapter or every ten pages or so.

Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman by Ernest Gaines  
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkein  
The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer  
Monster by Walter Dean Myers  
The Golden Compass by Philip Pullman

To receive an **A** you must:

1. Read *Animal Farm* and receive at least a B on the test.
2. Turn in illustrations of the major events in each chapter. These colored illustrations will show you have read the book and will serve as a review before any test or discussion. You do not have to be an artist to do this assignment. Stick figures (or animals, as the case may be) are perfectly acceptable.
3. Read two of the books from the list below and keep a reading journal. You should have a minimum of ten entries. I suggest stopping at each chapter or every ten pages or so.

Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman by Ernest Gaines  
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkein  
The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer  
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I look forward to teaching you next year. If you need help this summer or have questions, feel free to email me at [hansen\\_d@cox.net](mailto:hansen_d@cox.net) or call me at 1-828-675-5507. By the time I see you in August, it will be too late to get help. Have a good summer.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Hansen