

AHS Contract for American Literature - Honors

American Literature - Honors uses the same *Language of Literature* textbook and many of the same supplementary materials as the regular, college-prep. American Literature course. However, students will concentrate on developing significantly deeper interpretative responses to a variety of poetry, fiction, drama and other literary works of merit. This course is designed for students who have clearly demonstrated outstanding performance in a variety of study skills including the rigorous analytical reading, understanding, critical evaluation, and essay writing necessary for successful advancement to AP English Literature or other college-level English courses.

Because of the extensive out-of-class reading and writing requirements of the course, only students who have achieved the "Advanced" level of CST scoring and a 3.5 GPA in English 2 Accelerated, or a 4.0 GPA in regular English classes should consider enrolling in American Literature – Honors. In addition, written approval from your current English teacher is required.

A student's commitment to the effort necessary for success in American Literature – Honors is initially established by his or her successful completion of the required summer reading (choose at least two literary works from the list below) and all related assignments prior to the first day of class.

Summer Reading List

Ceremony by Leslie Marmon Silko
The Kitchen God's Wife by Amy Tan
Macho, by Victor Villasenor
Black Boy by Richard Wright
The Woman Warrior by Maxine Hong Kingston
The Jungle by Upton Sinclair
The House of Mirth by Edith Wharton

Students should be prepared for an essay assignment at the beginning of the school year that demonstrates evidence and analysis garnered from the summer readings. Failure to complete the summer reading requirements and related assignments may disqualify a student from enrollment in the course.

The student named below is: recommended not recommended for American Lit. Honors

Comments:

Current Eng. teacher _____ Signature _____ Date _____

I agree to complete all assignments with my best effort, including the summer reading, and adhere to the homework and attendance requirements during the entire school year.

Student Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

I have read this contract carefully and herewith give my assent.

List below all high school English classes you have completed, with semester grades. **(Note: courses and grades to be verified by counselor prior to enrollment)**