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Dear Future 10th Grade Honors English Students:

The following is the required summer reading and assignments are for ALL students entering HONORS ENGLISH 2 in the fall. You will be held accountable for completing your work over the summer, as this is the expectation for students who are serious about their education and future success in the Honors/AP program. As we are in the midst of distance learning, all novels below are available online.

Complete the following assignments prior to the first day of school.

1. NOVEL: Select **one** of the books below. All texts are linked to online versions if you are unable to get a hard copy. Read the novel in its entirety.

**Suggested Summer Reading:** These three novels will begin to prepare you for our Honors English 2 units (personal narrative, classic and/or banned novels, and science fiction/dystopian literature).

Orwell, George                      [\*Animal Farm\*](#)

Golding, William                [\*Lord of the Flies\*](#)

After you have read the novel, prepare an **essay outline** for **one** of the following writing prompts. This should include a **thesis statement** with clear support from the text (meaning **examples with page numbers**).

- A) Choose one character that made a decision that affected the outcome of the book. Identify the decision and give three reasons why it was a good or bad one.
- B) Morally ambiguous characters - characters whose behavior discourages readers from identifying them as purely evil or purely good - are at the heart of many works of literature. Examine a work where such a character plays a pivotal role. Explain how the character can be viewed as morally ambiguous and why his or her moral ambiguity is significant to the work as a whole. Avoid just plot summary.
- C) Authors, through their characters, plots, and settings, often seem to support changes in traditions or changes in social and political attitudes. Select such a work from your readings and discuss which attitudes or traditions the author wishes to change and how the author attempts to influence our opinions.



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2. VOCABULARY: Typically summer reading includes reviewing the Marshall [AP/Honors Vocabulary List](#). You should study and be familiar with the first 150 terms. However, in light of distance learning, this summer **you will only create flashcards for the following literary terms** (some of which are also on the AP/Honors word list). We will also continue vocabulary instruction during the school year.

Vocabulary can be completed either in flashcard form (one per term) OR a **table** (see below).

- Define each term
- Provide an example sentence (can be real or made up) that demonstrates the meaning of the term.

<i>Literary Term</i>	<i>Definition</i>	<i>Example</i>
chronological	arranged in order by the time the events happened	Oprah wrote her autobiography in <u>chronological</u> order, starting with her childhood and ending with her success on the Oprah show.

**Summer Reading Literary Terms:**

Alliteration	Exposition (plot)	Plot
Analogy	Foreshadowing	Point of View
Anecdote	Genre	Protagonist
Antagonist	Hyperbole	Resolution (plot)
Chronological	Imagery	Rising Action (plot)
Climax (plot)	In media res	Simile
Conflict (plot)	Irony	Setting
Connotation	Metaphor	Symbolism
Dialect	Mood	Syntax
Dialogue	Narrative	Theme
Diction	Personification	Tone

Lastly, please complete the following [Honors English 2 Confirmation Form](#) to confirm that you and your parents/guardians are aware of the summer commitments for Honors English 2. By electronically signing, you agree to do this work and understand that it will count towards your grade. This will replace the previous hard copy form passed out by English teachers.

Enjoy your summer!



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**Marshall AP/Honors Vocabulary List**

You should study and be familiar with the first 150 terms (listed below). Again, you are not completing flashcards for these terms. **Highlighted** words are terms that are often more helpful or relevant to English (just an FYI). \*Starred\* words also appear on your literary terms list.

1. ABORIGINE	(n)	an original inhabitant
2. <b>ABSTRACT</b>	(adj)	theoretical; not concrete; non-representational
3. <b>ACCENTUATE</b>	(v)	to give prominence to; to emphasize or intensify
4. ACQUIESCE	(v)	assent; agree passively; give in to; agree
5. ACUITY	(n)	sharpness of perception or mind
6. ADJOURN	(v)	to break up; to recess
7. ADMONISH	(v)	warn; reprove
8. ADULATION	(n)	adoration; excessive praise
9. <b>ADVERSARY</b>	(n)	opponent; enemy
10. ADVOCATE	(v)	urge or plead for
11. <b>AESTHETIC</b>	(adj)	concerning art or beauty
12. AFFABLE	(adj)	friendly; agreeable
13. AFFIRMATION	(n)	positive statement; confirmation
14. <b>ALLITERATION*</b>	(n)	repetition of same sounds (often consonants)
15. ALTERCATION	(n)	a noisy dispute
16. ALTRUISTIC	(adj)	Unselfishly generous; concerned for others
17. <b>AMALGAM</b>	(n)	a mixture of different elements
18. <b>AMBIGUOUS</b>	(adj)	unclear; doubtful; undecided
19. <b>AMBIVALENCE</b>	(n)	state of contradictory or opposing emotions
20. AMBROSIAL	(adj)	delicious, fragrant, divine
21. AMBULATORY	(adj)	walking or moving; alterable
22. AMELIORATE	(v)	to improve; make better
23. AMPHIBIOUS	(adj)	able to function both on land & on water
24. <b>ANALOGY*</b>	(n)	some similarities between things that are unlike
25. ANARCHY	(n)	lack of government; chaos
26. ANDROGYNOUS	(adj)	unisexual; having both male & female traits
27. <b>ANECDOTE*</b>	(n)	a brief, humorous story
28. ANGUISHED	(adj)	grief-stricken; tormented
29. ANIMOSITY	(n)	active hatred
30. ANTIQUE	(adj)	very old; old-fashioned; aged
31. <b>ANTITHESIS</b>	(n)	contrast; direct opposite
32. <b>APATHY</b>	(n)	lack of caring, emotion, or interest
33. APEX	(n)	highest point; summit
34. APPARITION	(n)	an unusual or unexpected sight
35. APPENDAGE	(n)	something attached to a larger item
36. APPREHENSIVE	(adj)	fearful; worried



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37. ARBITRARY	(adj)	unreasonable or capricious
38. ARCANE	(adj)	secret mysterious
39. ARCHETYPE	(n)	the original pattern or model
40. ARTICULATE	(adj)	effective; distinct
41. ASCENDANCY	(n)	controlling influence; domination
42. ASCETIC	(adj)	without indulgence or luxury
43. ASPIRE	(v)	to desire strongly; to have a great ambition
44. ASSUAGE	(v)	to reduce pain
45. ASTUTE	(adj)	wise; shrewd; clever; ready witted
46. ATROPHY	(v)	to waste away from lack of use
47. AUGMENT	(v)	to add to; to increase
48. AUSTERITY	(n)	sternness; severity
49. AUTONOMY	(n)	self-rule; independence
50. AVARICE	(n)	greed; cupidity
51. BAMBOOZLE	(v)	to deceive by elaborate trickery; to hoodwink
52. BANAL	(adj)	hackneyed; commonplace; trite; dull; ordinary
53. BASTION	(n)	a stronghold; a fort
54. BEAR	(v)	to endure
55. BEDLAM	(n)	uproar; confusion
56. BELLICOSE	(adj)	warlike; quarrelsome
57. BENEVOLENT	(adj)	generous; charitable; kindly; well-wishing
58. BENIGN	(adj)	kindly; favorable; good-natured; not malignant
59. BEQUEATH	(v)	to leave to someone in a will; hand down
60. BLASPHEMY	(n)	cursing; irreverence, sacrilege
61. BOISTEROUS	(adj)	rough; stormy; loud; violent; lacking restraint
62. BOGUS	(adj)	make-believe; fake
63. BOMBAST	(n)	pretentious, inflated speech or writing
64. BONA FIDE	(adj)	made in good faith; genuine
65. BOYCOTT	(v)	to protest by refusing to buy/deal with
66. BREVITY	(n)	conciseness; right to the point
67. BROUHAHA	(n)	hubbub; uproar; furor
68. BUFFOON	(n)	a clown; comedian or laughable person
69. BUTTRESS	(v)	to support or prop
70. CACOPHONOUS	(adj)	harsh sounding; inharmonious
71. CADENCE	(n)	rhythm
72. CAJOLE	(v)	coax; wheedle
73. CAMEO	(n)	raised image on precious stone; a small roll
74. CANDOR	(n)	frankness; honesty
75. CAPRICIOUS	(adj)	fickle; incalculable; whimsical; unpredictable
76. CARCINOGEN	(n)	a substance that causes cancer
77. CAUCUS	(n)	closed meeting of a political party/faction



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78. CELESTIAL	(adj)	heavenly
79. CENSORIOUS	(adj)	critical
80. CENSURE	(v)	severely criticize; blame
81. CERTITUDE	(n)	certainty; complete assurance
82. <b>CHRONOLOGICAL*</b>	(adj)	arranged in order by the time the events happened
83. CIRCUMSPECT	(adj)	cautious; prudent; vigilant; judicious
84. CIRCUMVENT	(v)	to avoid by going around; to encircle/outwit
85. CITADEL	(n)	a fortress
86. CLEMENCY	(n)	leniency; mildness (as of weather)
87. COERCION	(n)	use of force to get someone's compliance
88. COGITATE	(v)	to ponder or think deeply
89. COMATOSE	(adj)	unconscious; inactive
90. COMMEMORATE	(v)	to honor the memory of someone/something
91. COMPLACENT	(adj)	smug; self-satisfied
92. COMPLIANCE	(n)	conformity (to request or demand); yielding nature
93. CONCILIATORY	(adj)	reconciling; soothing
94. <b>CONCISE</b>	(adj)	brief; compact
95. CONDONE	(v)	overlook; forgive
96. CONFLAGRATION	(n)	a large, destructive fire
97. <b>CONNOTATION*</b>	(n)	implication; subtext
98. CONTRITE	(adj)	thoroughly sorry
99. <b>CONTROVERSIAL</b>	(adj)	debatable; disputable
100. CONVERGE	(v)	approach; tend to meet
101. CONVEYANCE	(n)	a means of transporting; a vehicle
102. <b>CONVICTION</b>	(n)	firm belief; state of being sure
103. <b>CORROBORATE</b>	(v)	to support or to confirm
104. COWER	(v)	to crouch or draw back; cringe
105. CREDULOUS	(adj)	gullible; ready to believe w/o proof
106. CREDULITY	(n)	believability
107. <b>CRITERION</b>	(n)	standard of judgment (plural: criteria)
108. CRYPTIC	(adj)	secret; mysterious
109. CURSORY	(adj)	rapid; hasty; not detailed
110. DAUNT	(v)	frighten (esp. into giving up purpose)
111. DEBILITATE	(v)	weaken; enfeeble
112. DEBONAIR	(adj)	suave, charming, lighthearted
113. DEBRIS	(n)	ruins; trash
114. DECIDUOUS	(adj)	shedding at a certain stage
115. DECORUM	(n)	propriety; proper behavior or conduct
116. DEDUCTION	(n)	the process of reaching a conclusion by reasoning
117. DEFERENCE	(n)	a show of respect
118. DEIGN	(v)	to condescend



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119.	DELECTABLE	(adj)	delicious; appetizing
120.	<b>DELINEATE</b>	(v)	to portray
121.	DELUDED	(adj)	deceived; misled; fooled; duped; hoodwinked
122.	DEMAGOGUE	(n)	a leader who promises things to gain power
123.	DENOUNCE	(v)	to speak against publicly
124.	DEPRAVITY	(n)	wickedness; corruption
125.	DEPRECATE	(v)	express disapproval; protest; belittle
126.	DERISION	(n)	contempt; ridicule
127.	DESECRATE	(v)	to show disrespect; to deface the sacred
128.	DESPONDENT	(adj)	depressed; gloomy
129.	DESPOT	(n)	tyrant; harsh tyrannical ruler
130.	DETERRENT	(n)	hindrance; something that discourages
131.	DEXTEROUS	(adj)	skillful; adroit
132.	<b>DIDACTIC</b>	(adj)	intending to teach (pushy, perhaps); instructional
133.	DIFFIDENT	(adj)	shy; lacking confidence
134.	DIGRESSION	(n)	straying from a topic
135.	DIMINUTION	(n)	lessening; reduction in size
136.	<b>DISCERN</b>	(v)	to distinguish one thing from another
137.	<b>DISCERNING</b>	(adj)	mentally quick, observant; insightful
138.	DISCORDANT	(adj)	inharmonious; conflicting
139.	DISDAIN	(v)	to treat with scorn or contempt
140.	<b>DISCREPANCY</b>	(n)	inconsistency; difference
141.	DISHEVELED	(adj)	untidy
142.	DISINCLINATION	(n)	unwillingness
143.	DISPARAGE	(v)	to speak poorly of; belittle
144.	<b>DISPARITY</b>	(n)	difference; inequality
145.	DISPERSE	(v)	scatter
146.	<b>DISSEMINATE</b>	(v)	scatter (like seeds)
147.	DISSENT	(n)	disagreement
148.	<b>DISSONANCE</b>	(n)	harsh sounds
149.	DISTEND	(v)	expand; swell out
150.	<b>DIVERGENT</b>	(adj)	differing; deviant