



PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

John Marshall Fundamental Secondary School

Dear Students and Families:

Incoming **8th Grade English Honors** students must complete the following assignments. You are expected to complete the assignments with excellence. Summer work will be due the first week of school and assignments will be averaged into the first semester grade.

8th Grade English Honors Required Reading & Writing

1. Write a personal response analysis after reading the required book *Dear Martin*. Instructions on how to write the personal response analysis are on the next page.

Dear Martin by Nic Stone

2. Choose an additional book from the list below and complete a second personal response analysis for the book you chose.

<i>Eleanor & Park</i>	by Rainbow Rowell
<i>The Last Day on Mars</i>	by Kevin Emerson
<i>Echo</i>	by Pam Munoz Ryan
<i>Tangerine</i>	by Edward Bloor
<i>All Summer Long</i>	by Hope Larson

Or any second book of your choice!

You are responsible for obtaining copies of the books from a library or bookstore and completing the writing assignments. Any sign of plagiarism (either from the internet or fellow students) will result in an "F".

8th Grade English Honors Vocabulary (see attached list)

Throughout the school year, students will be tested on groups of the attached vocabulary list. It is highly recommended that students create flashcards (either digitally through Quizlet, or by hand on index cards). Flashcards will not be collected, but will be useful to ensure student success on all vocabulary tests throughout the school year.

I am looking forward to teaching you next year!

Sincerely,

8th Grade Honors English Teacher

WRITING ASSIGNMENT

Book Review for both *Dear Martin* & a book of choice from the list.

DIRECTIONS: Write a **1 page**, double spaced, 12 point Times New Roman font, response paper for *Dear Martin* & the other book you choose. Your reviews should include the following:

- Introduce the book and author in the first sentence along with the main idea.
- Brief summary - what was the book about in a bit more detail?
- What did you think while reading the book?
- What emotional reactions did you have?
- Who was your favorite character and why?
- What lessons were learned from reading this book?

Personal Response Analysis papers are due the first week of school.

VOCABULARY WORDS 1-280
8th Grade Honors English

1. ADMONISH (v) warn; reprove
2. ADVERSARY (n) opponent; enemy
3. ADVOCATE (v) urge or plead for
4. AFFABLE (adj.) friendly; agreeable
5. AMELIORATE (v) to improve; make better
6. ANECDOTE (n) a brief, humorous story
7. ASSUAGE (v) to reduce pain
8. ASTUTE (adj.) wise; shrewd; clever; ready witted
9. ATROPHY (v) to waste away from lack of use
10. AUGMENT (v) to add to; to increase
11. AUSTERITY (n) sternness; severity
12. AUTONOMY (n) self-rule; independence
13. AVARICE (n) greed; cupidity
14. BALLYHOO (n) noisy attention-getting demonstration/talk
15. BAMBOOZLE (v) to deceive by elaborate trickery; to hoodwink
16. BANAL (adj.) hackneyed; commonplace; trite; dull; ordinary
17. BASTION (n) a stronghold; a fort
18. BEDLAM (n) uproar; confusion
19. BELLICOSE (adj.) warlike; quarrelsome
20. BENEVOLENT (adj.) generous; charitable; kindly; well-wishing
21. BENIGN (adj.) kindly; favorable; good-natured; not malignant
22. BEQUEATH (v) to leave to someone in a will; hand down
23. BILLET-DOUX (n) a love letter
24. BIZARRE (adj.) out of the ordinary; freakish; eccentric; odd
25. BLASPHEMY (n) cursing; irreverence, sacrilege
26. BOISTEROUS (adj) rough; stormy; loud; violent; lacking restraint
27. BOGUS (adj) make-believe; fake
28. BOMBAST (n) pretentious, inflated speech or writing
29. BONA FIDE (adj.) made in good faith; genuine
30. BOUDOIR (n) a woman's dressing room, bedroom
31. BOYCOTT (v) to protest by refusing to buy/deal with
32. BREVITY (n) conciseness; right to the point
33. BROUHAHA (n) hubbub; uproar; furor
34. BUFFOON (n) a clown; comedian or laughable person
35. BUTTRESS (v.) to support or prop
36. CAMOUFLAGE (n) concealment by appearing
37. CANDOR (n) frankness; honesty
38. CENSURE (v) severely criticize; blame
39. CHRONOLOGY (n) the order or sequence of events
40. COERCION (n) use of force to get someone's compliance

41. COMMEMORATE (v) to honor the memory of someone/something
42. CONCISE (adj.) brief; compact
43. CONDONE (v) overlook; forgive
44. CONVICTION (n) firm belief; state of being sure
45. COWER (v) to crouch or draw back; cringe
46. CRYPTIC (adj.) secret; mysterious
47. DELINEATE (v) to portray
48. DELUDED (adj) deceived; cheated; misled; tricked; duped; hoodwinked
49. DESPOT (n) tyrant; cruel ruler
50. DISDAIN (v) to treat with scorn or contempt
51. DISPERSE (v) scatter
52. DRONE (v) to talk on and on in a dull way
53. DUBIOUS (adj.) doubtful
54. DULCET (adj.) sweet; melodious; soothing
55. DUPLICITY (n) double-dealing; conniving; lying
56. ECCENTRIC (adj.) out; out-of-the-ordinary; quirky
57. ELABORATION (n) addition of details; intricacy
58. ELEGIAC (adj) mournful, melancholic; plaintive; nostalgic; lamenting
59. ELUSIVE (adj.) evasive; baffling; hard-to-grasp
60. EMACIATED (adj.) thin and wasted
61. EMBARGO (n) govt. prohibition on trade w/another nation
62. EMBELLISH (v) to adorn
63. ENIGMA (n) something puzzling, a riddle
64. ENTHUSIASTIC (adj) showing great interest or excitement
65. EXACERBATE (v) to make worse; embitter
66. EXEMPLARY (adj.) serving as a model of excellence
67. EXPLICIT (adj.) definite; open; specific
68. EXPONENT (n) one who speaks for, represents, advocates
69. EXPUNGE (v) to strike out, to erase, to remove
70. EXTOL (v) to praise; glorify
71. EXTRICATE (v) to free; disentangle
72. EXULT (v) to rejoice greatly; be jubilant, triumphant
73. FALLACIOUS (adj.) misleading; false
74. FASTIDIOUS (adj.) difficult to please; squeamish; finicky
75. FERVOR (n) glowing ardor; burning intensity of feeling
76. FLOURISH (v) to thrive; grow or develop luxuriantly
77. FORMIDABLE (adj.) frightening; dreadful; awe-inspiring
78. FRIVOLITY (n) lack of seriousness
79. GALA (n) festival; celebration
80. GARBLED (adj.) mixed up (as in a message)
81. GARGOYLE (n) a rain spout in shape of grotesque figure
82. GAUNTLET (n) a thick, heavy glove (from a suit of armor)
83. GERMINATE (v) to begin to grow, sprout

84. GLOBULE (n) a tiny drop; a small ball
85. GOOGOL (n) 1 followed by 100 zeroes (10 to 100 th power)
86. GOSSAMER (adj.) light, tenuous, delicate
87. GRAVITY (n) seriousness
88. GREGARIOUS (adj.) sociable
89. GUERRILLA (n) member of military force not part of army
90. GUILE (n) deceit; duplicity; cunning
91. GURU (n) one who is followed as leader, teacher, spiritual leader
92. GYRATE (v) to revolve around a point or axis
93. HACKNEYED (adj.) commonplace; trite
94. HALCYON (adj.) calm, peaceful
95. HAPHAZARD (adj.) random; by chance
96. HARBINGER (n) forerunner; herald
97. HAUGHTINESS (n) pride; arrogance
98. HEDONISM (n) belief that pleasure is the sole aim in life
99. HERESY (n) opinion contrary to popular belief
100. HERITAGE (n) something (tradition) passed down generations
101. HIEROGLYPHIC (n) Egyptian system of writing
102. HIRSUTE (adj.) very hairy
103. HOLOCAUST (n) widespread destruction, especially by fire
104. HOLOGRAM (n) 3 dimensional photographic record
105. HOMOGENEOUS (adj.) of the same kind
106. HYPOCRITICAL (adj.) pretending to be virtuous; deceiving
107. HYPOTHETICAL (adj.) based on assumptions
108. IMMUNE (adj) protected from disease naturally or by vaccine
109. IMMUTABLE (adj.) unchangeable; permanent
110. IMPERTINENT (adj) offensively bold; rude
111. INAUGURATE (v) to start; initiate; install into office
112. INCESSANT (adj.) uninterrupted; unending; non-stop
113. INCIDENTAL (adj.) not essential; minor
114. INCORRIGIBLE (adj.) uncorrectable; hard to deal with
115. INDOLENT (adj.) lazy
116. INEPT (adj) incompetent; inexpert; clumsy; ham-fisted; bungling
117. INEVITABLE (adj.) unavoidable; bound to happen
118. INFERENCE (n) act of deciding/concluding by reasoning evidence
119. INNATE (adj.) inborn
120. INNOCUOUS (adj.) harmless; insignificant
121. IRRESOLUTE (adj.) uncertain how to act; weak
122. IRREVERENCE (n) lack of proper respect
123. JAUNTY (adj) showing carefree self-confident air
124. JOVIAL (adj) jolly; full of fun and good cheer
125. KINDLE (v) to start a fire; inspire
126. LABYRINTHINE (adj.) complicated; perplexing; mazelike

127. LACONIC (adj.) brief; to the point
128. LAMBENT (adj.) softly bright; flickering
129. LANGUID (adj.) slow & listless
130. LAUD (v) to praise
131. LEGACY (n) a gift made in a will
132. LETHARGIC (adj.) drowsy; dull
133. LEVITY (n) lightness; humor
134. LIBATION (n) a beverage (sometimes religious offering)
135. LICHEN (n) organism w/fungus & algae together
136. LIGHT-YEAR (n) distance light travels in one year (5.88 trillion miles)
137. LINEAGE (n) descent in a direct line from an ancestor
138. LOQUACIOUS (adj.) given to excessive talking
139. LISTLESS (adj.) without energy or enthusiasm
140. LUDICROUS (adj.) laughable b/c of obvious absurdity
141. LUCID (adj.) easily understood
142. LUGUBRIOUS (adj.) exaggeratedly or affectedly mournful
143. LUMINARY (n) one who is notable in a particular field
144. MAELSTROM (n) a powerful whirlpool; turmoil
145. MAGNANIMOUS (adj.) especially generous
146. MANACLE (n) a handcuff; a restraint
147. MANEUVER (n) planned movement/procedure involving skill/cunning
148. MARSUPIAL (n) mammals w/pouch outside female body for a baby
149. MASTICATE (v) to chew; to soften by crushing
150. MAUSOLEUM (n) a large, elaborate tomb
151. MELLIFLUOUS (adj.) smoothly flowing; sweet
152. METAMORPHOSIS (n) a transformation; a marked alteration
153. METICULOUS (adj.) excessively careful
154. MISERLY (adj.) stingy; mean
155. MITIGATE (v) to appease
156. MONOLITH (n) a single large stone (often column/monument)
157. MONOLOGUE (n) long uninterrupted speech by one person
158. MOROSE (adj.) ill-humored
159. MOSAIC (n) a design/picture made of small colored pieces
160. MUNDANE (adj.) worldly as opposed to spiritual
161. MUTATION (n) change, as in form
162. NADIR (n) the lowest point
163. NEBULA (n) thinly spread bright cloud of gas/dust in night sky
164. NOCTURNAL (adj.) pertaining to the night; active at night
165. NODULE (n) a small lump
166. NOTORIETY (n) disrepute; ill fame
167. NOVEL (adj.) new; interesting
168. NUISANCE (n) a bother; source of inconvenience
169. NULLIFY (v) to make invalid

- 170. NURTURE (v) to bring up; feed; educate
- 171. OMINOUS (adj) threatening; gloomy; portentous; menacing; boding evil
- 172. OPULENCE (n) wealth
- 173. PERVASIVE (adj.) spread throughout; permeating
- 174. PIETY (n) religious devotion; godliness
- 175. PILFER (v) to steal insignificant items
- 176. PINION (v) to restrain by binding the arms; to hold fast
- 177. PINNACLE (n) the highest point; a spire
- 178. PLACATE (v) pacify; conciliate
- 179. PLATEAU (n) elevated relatively level land
- 180. PLUMMET (v) to fall or plunge straight downward
- 181. POGROM (n) an organized persecution or massacre
- 182. POLYGLOT (adj.) using several languages
- 183. PONDEROUS (adj.) weighty; heavy; unwieldy
- 184. POSH (adj.) elegant; fashionable
- 185. POTABLE (adj.) fit to drink
- 186. PRECARIOUS (adj.) dangerous, risky; dependent on chance
- 187. PROFANE (adj.) to violate; desecrate
- 188. PROGENY (n) offspring; descendants
- 189. PROJECTILE (n) a missile; something thrown
- 190. PROMONTORY (n) a high point of land or rock projecting into water
- 191. PROSTRATE (adj.) lying flat; face down
- 192. PROTAGONIST (n) main character in drama/literary work
- 193. PROXIMITY (n) nearness
- 194. PUGILIST (n) fighter; boxer
- 195. PULCHRITUDE (n) physical beauty
- 196. PULVERIZE (v) to pound, crush, grind to dust or powder
- 197. QUANDARY (n) dilemma
- 198. QUARANTINE (n) confinement or isolation to prevent spread of disease
- 199. QUEUE (n) a waiting line, esp. of persons/vehicles
- 200. QUOTA (n) amount of something assigned to be made/sold
- 201. RAINFOREST (n) dense evergreen forest w/annual rain 160"
- 202. RANDOM (adj) having no specific order
- 203. RAVENOUS (adj.) hungry; very eager
- 204. REBUFF (v) to snub; beat back
- 205. RECALCITRANT (adj.) stubbornly resistant to authority/restraint
- 206. RECEDE (v) to move back or away from a limit, point, mark
- 207. RECLUSE (n) a hermit
- 208. RECTIFY (v) to correct
- 209. REDUNDANT (adj.) superfluous; saying the same thing over and over
- 210. REFUTE (v) to disprove; deny
- 211. RELEGATE (v) to banish; consign to inferior position
- 212. REMORSE (n) regret for having done wrong

- 213. REMUNERATION (n) reward, payment
- 214. RENAISSANCE (n) rebirth, revival (Euro 14 th -16 th century)
- 215. RENDEZVOUS (n) an appointment; a meeting place
- 216. RENEGADE (n) one who rejects a cause, allegiance, religion, etc.
- 217. RENOUNCE (v) to abandon
- 218. REPLICATE (v) to duplicate; to repeat
- 219. REPOSE (n) act of resting
- 220. REPREHENSIBLE (adj.) deserving blame
- 221. RESPITE (n) a break; a rest
- 222. RETICENT (adj.) restrained; uncommunicative; reserved
- 223. RETRACT (v) withdraw; take back
- 224. REVERBERATE (v) to echo; to resound
- 225. REVERE (v) to worship; to honor
- 226. REVERIE (n) daydream; being lost in thought
- 227. RIBALD (adj) vulgar; rude; coarse; bawdy; lewd
- 228. ROSTER (n) a list of names
- 229. RUMINATE (v) to ponder; to think over
- 230. SALUTARY (adj.) promoting health; beneficial
- 231. SANCTION (v) to approve; ratify
- 232. SATIATED (adj.) fully fed; fully satisfied
- 233. SAVORY (adj.) tasty; pleasing; attractive; agreeable
- 234. SEDIMENT (n) matter that settles to the bottom of a liquid
- 235. SERAPH (n) an angel
- 236. SILHOUETTE (n) a dark outline against a light background
- 237. SINEWY (adj.) strong and firm; tough
- 238. SOLSTICE (n) when the sun is farthest north or south of equator
- 239. SOMBER (adj.) gloomy; depressing
- 240. SPECTRUM (n) a band of colors; an entire range
- 241. SQUANDER (v) to waste
- 242. STEREOTYPE (n) conventional or oversimplified idea or image
- 243. STRUT (n) a self-important walk
- 244. STUPEFY (v) to make numb. stun; amaze
- 245. SUPERCILIOUS (adj) arrogant; condescending; haughty; disdainful; pompous
- 246. TACITURN (adj.) quiet; uncommunicative; silent
- 247. TARIFF (n) a tax or duty on imported or exported goods
- 248. TANTALIZE (v) to tease by keeping something out of reach
- 249. TECHNIQUE (n) a procedure or method for accomplishing a task
- 250. TENDRIL (n) a coiling part
- 251. TENTATIVE (adj.) not final; uncertain
- 252. TERSE (adj.) concise; abrupt; pithy
- 253. TIMOROUS (adj.) easily frightened; timid
- 254. TITANIC (adj.) huge; powerful
- 255. TORPID (adj.) dormant; dull; lethargic

- 256. TORTUOUS (adj.) winding or twisting; devious
- 257. TOXIN (n) a poisonous substance produced by a living organism
- 258. TRANQUILITY (n) calmness; serenity
- 259. TREPIDATION (n) fear; trembling agitation
- 260. TRIBUTARY (n) a stream or river flowing into a larger stream/river
- 261. TRUCULENT (adj.) savage; fierce
- 262. TRUNCATED (adj.) cut off; shortened
- 263. TUMULT (n) noisy, disorderly activity; emotional agitation
- 264. TUNDRA (n) a cold, treeless, lowland northern area
- 265. TURBULENCE (n) state of violent agitation
- 266. UNANIMOUS (adj) sharing the same opinion; in full agreement
- 267. UNDULATE (v) to move in waves or w/a wavy motion
- 268. UNKEMPT (adj.) messy; disheveled; w/uncared for appearance
- 269. UNOBTRUSIVE (adj.) inconspicuous; not obvious
- 270. VACCINE (n) substance that stimulated cells in immune system
- 271. VACILLATE (v) to be unable to decide; to waver
- 272. VALOR (n) courage; bravery
- 273. VENERATE (v) to revere
- 274. VERTEBRATE (n) any of a group of animals w/a backbone
- 275. VERVE (n) energy; liveliness
- 276. VIRTUOSO (n) highly skilled artist
- 277. VIRULENT (adj.) extremely poisonous; harmful; deleterious
- 278. VORACIOUS (adj) ravenous; very hungry
- 279. WRETCHED (adj) miserable, very unhappy or unfortunate
- 280. ZOOLOGY (n) branch of biology that deals with animals