North Carolina English I Honors Teaching Preparation Portfolio

General Course	Course code:	102151				
Information	Course title: English I Honors					
Course Description and Curriculum Standards	Students in the honors course will explore literature more widely and deeply, including more challenging and/or complete print and non- print texts. The honors English course fosters intellectual curiosity by encouraging students to generate thought-provoking questions and topics and to research diverse sources. Honors courses will require students to work as self-directed and reflective learners, both independently and in groups as leaders and collaborators. Higher level thinking skills will be emphasized through interdisciplinary and critical perspectives as reflected in the quality of student performance in oral language, written language, and other media/technology. While all courses should challenge students and incorporate opportunities for independent critical thinking, English I Honors can be distinguished from Standard English I by the consistency with which the characteristics described above are evident. See Standard Course of Study for English I. For an honors course					
Course Goals and	See Standard Course of Study for English I. For an honors course, implement additional objective:					
Objectives	 1.04 Investigate expressive communication through exploring print and non-print texts to extend study of self-selected creators (author, artist, filmmaker, composer, etc.) or topics. developing personal examples appropriate to purpose, audience, and context. using precise language and sentence variety appropriate to the audience and purpose. planning, designing, and self-monitoring as students create a variety of texts. 					
Generalizations	Generalizations • Students will understand that various literary genres provide a mirrored image to the human condition: students will realize and thus value the relevance of each genre as being a reflection to certain commonalities in physical and emotional experiences in life.					
		ations will be used in the course.				
	-	ertain writings from the literature textbook and over the span of literary genres.				

Essential Questions	Essential Questions
	 How does poetry aid in the exploration of creativity in composition? How does it aid in connections with others regarding the human experience? How do the elements of fiction enrich understanding of short stories and novels? In what ways does the genre of drama differ from other prose forms? What unique considerations does the genre require of the reader? How can non-fiction literature create connections between fiction and real world situations? How can the understanding of literary devices enhance student understanding of texts as well as students' own writing. What different literacy strategies are required for the different genres explored in English I?
	Describe how Essential Questions will be used in the course. The essential questions will be used to help students to become aware of the relevance of each literary genre studied and to help students see connections between each genre and real life experiences.
Issues Particular to the Course	 NC End of Course Test prep Review of grammar basics plus extension of grammar knowledge Variety of vocabulary strategies including roots and affixes, visual organizers such as Frayer Model and Thinking Maps, and SAT based vocabulary lists Knowledge and application of literary terms Analysis of various genres from diverse cultures and time periods Knowledge and application of organized writing processes Introduction of definition essay Introduction to MLA research formats
Expectations of Performance	English I Honors students will hold themselves to a more intense level of understanding and be a more reflective scholar. Students in an honors course must be able to read at or above grade level and be able to independently engage themselves in the learning process, including independent research and homework that requires higher levels of critical thinking and reading comprehension.

Assignments Provide selected	Sample Summer Assignment : These are suggested titles. Any related titles may be substituted and assignments adapted for summer reading.
assignments and explain how they are	
appropriate for an honors course.	English I Honors Sample Summer Reading Assignment
	Theme: Coming of Age
	 Texts: 1.<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> by Harper Lee 2. Your Choice Young Adult Novel see the attached list or choose another "coming of age" YA novel with teacher approval Goal: Student will read and reflect upon two novels that share the theme of "coming of age" by marking text, recording thinking, and writing an essay.
	Assignments: <u>Pre-Reading:</u> Before reading, consider your own coming-of-age experiences. In a format of your choice (circle map, chart, list, etc.), record some experiences, people, and places that have been central to your own path towards adulthood.
	During Reading: While reading both texts, highlight significant quotations, excerpts, characters, or events that impact the protagonist's journey towards maturity. Hold your thinking about these quotes, etc. on the attached chart.
	After Reading: In a format of your choice, define "maturity" for the protagonist of either book. You might choose to write an essay, compose a song, create a podcast, or draw a picture, just to name a few examples. Remember your task is to define "maturity" for either Scout or the protagonist from your choice novel. Use the book for support – your during reading chart will be useful here.
	Support: I am available for questions through my email, honors.teacher@bcsemail.org. I will respond to your email within three days. If you do not have email, you can call the school, and they will forward your message to me.
	Resources : These books are available in our school library and at local bookstores, like Barnes and Noble, Books a Million, and Mr. K's Used Books. I also have several copies in my

classroom library. Please see me prior to summer vacation if you need help securing one or both books.
In class, we will learn how to distinguish between authoritative, valid literary criticism and non-authoritative, online opinions and summaries. But for this summer's reading assignments, do <u>not</u> use online or other support such as Spark Notes or Cliff Notes. This is an opportunity for me to assess your individual strengths (see rubric). If you need help, just contact me.
Bildungsroman Novel Suggestions from Media Coordinator
Bildungsroman Criteria: Protagonist faces loss, embarks on a journey for "self-actualization," usually faces societal conflict, achieves goal and raises level of maturity.
<i>The Maze Runner</i> -Dashner This kid Thomas wakes up in a big steel "elevator" with no memory of anything other than how to survive. He joins a group of other boys who have been dropped into a crazy world of mazes, gooey slug robot things they call Grievers, and messages from aboveweirdly Lord of the Flies-esque with a big revelation at the end.
<i>Witch and Wizard</i> -Patterson Twins Wisty and Whit are roused from their beds and jailed as a witch and wizard. They have no idea they really are. As they are being drug out of their house, their parents throw them a blank book and a drumstick (hmm, wonder what that could be). They have to escape from jail, battle spirits from another dimension, and try to rally the other teens into overthrowing the new regime, while still trying to figure out their powers and save their parents.
<i>Marked</i> -Cast Zoey's just hanging out at school one day when a mysterious guy arrives and "marks" her as a vampire (apparently, in this vampire world, you are predestined, not bitten). She moves into the House of Night and realizes that she's more than just the new kid. I like her friends and I liked the story lineLOTS of action.
<i>Going Bovine</i> -Bray Libba Bray is the author of the <i>Great and Terrible Beauty</i> series which I loved (full of mystical realms and powerful chicks). This time, she's chosen a male narrator who suffers from delusions supposedly resulting from Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (Mad Cow).

He's sent on a quest (along with a hypochondriac dwarf and a smack talking yard gnome whom he saved from a frat house) by a punk angel with pink hair to fight the source of evil which is trying to destroy our world. Or is he? This is a crazy book. Bray has a great talent for mixing the real with the unreal. Cameron's road trip will have you laughing as he competes on an MTV Spring Break-type game show, bowls perfect strikes in a smoothie-drinking bowling "happy" cult, and travels through time using a time machine.

The Hunger Games-Collins

Imagine a post-WWIII United States in which the government keeps the people subservient by withholding food and other items needed to survive. Each year, two names from each district are drawn by lottery to fight to the death against each other in a televised "game." Katniss makes the ultimate sacrifice so her little sister doesn't have to experience the horrors of the games. This book is the ultimate survival of the fittest novel with lots of action and emotion.

North of Beautiful-Headley

Terra has a big port wine birthmark on her face and has had to take great pains to cover up her face and her emotions. Her mom sometimes eats a stick of butter to ease her stress and her dad is a real "piece of work," if you know what I mean. She meets Jacob who helps her see that it's okay to show the real you.

Chicks with Sticks-Lenhard

This is kind of like *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*, but, instead of magical jeans, these unlikely friends magically become expert knitters. They, like their knitting projects, are "works in progress" learning to navigate the halls of high school.

The Graveyard Book-Gaiman

Bod's family is murdered while they sleep. He escapes into a local graveyard and is adopted and raised by spirits and ghouls. This book chronicles his youth from toddler to teenager as he learns tricks and tips from witches, ghosts, and the occasional human.

Dark Dude-Hijuelos

I really like "fish out of water" tales and this one does not disappoint. Rico's looking for a way out "Yo Mamma" high school with its "incident involving a firearm" (school shooting) and rampant drug trade. Decides to run away to Wisconsin and live on a commune. Logical choice, right?

Lock and Key-Dessen Ruby goes to live with her newly-married sister Cora when her mother, once again, leaves her alone to raise herself. She must

open to loving relationships with her family. She connects with Nate, the boy next door, who appears to have problems of his own. <i>Elsewhere-Zevin</i> Liz is hit by a taxi and killed on her way to help a friend find a prom dress and, thus, begins her journey to Elsewhere. She struggles with the extreme grief she feels over the loss of her family and the ins and outs of the new way of life she must adopt in the "afterlife" including talking to animals and aging backwards. Don't worry, it's not all doom and gloom. This is my favorite book of all time. <i>Great and Terrible Beauty-</i> Bray After fighting with her mother in India and then witnessing her mother's murder, Gemma realizes that her dreams are actually visions into another realm where good and evil collide. Two months later, Gemma is enrolled in London's Spence School, still troubled by visions, and unable to share her grief and guilt over her loss. She gradually learns to control her vision and enter the "realms" where magical powers can make anything happen and where her mother waits to instruct her. <i>Stormbreaker-</i> Horowitz After Alex's uncle dies, he finds out his uncle was, in fact, a secret agent and is recruited into Britain's elite intelligence agency MI6. This series is like James Bond for teens. Lots of intrigue, gadgets, and action.						
English I Summer Reading Assignment Rubric						
Evidence Level 4 Level 3 Level 2 Level 1						
Preparation	Consistent high level, original thinking is evident during reading through significant, analytical note-taking.	High level, original thinking is evident in several places throughout analytical note-taking.	Note-taking may be in- consistent and/or superficial. Outside sources may have been used.	Note-taking is minimal or non- existent. Plagiarism may be apparent.		
Focus	Product is very clearly focused on the assigned topic, "maturity." Connections to novel are	Product is clearly focused on the assigned topic, "maturity," but connections	Product strays from assigned topic of "maturity," may appear to be more of a summary.	Product is unclear in focus.		

	almost always clear.	may be unclear	at		
Support	Product consistently uses specific, significant references to the novel.	times. Product referenc the nove through	es el out.	Product may need more textual support.	Textual support is missing.
Effort/Creativity	Effort and unique approach to the assignment is consistently strong.	Effort is good. So elements creative "out of t box."	ome s are and	Effort could be stronger. Approach may be commonplace.	Little time, effort, or thought is evident.
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exploration of the years of your life. Combining pictures, writings, and factual information, we will be creating scrapbooks that span a period of fourteen to fifteen years-- your years.

For your scrapbook shell, you may choose to use a photo album or create a shell of your own using various materials (wood, plastic, fabric, etc.). You may want to simply purchase an actual scrapbook that already has the pages included. Remember that whatever you choose, you will need to have pages on which you can attach writings and pictures. This is a project in which you can utilize your creative expression and one that will serve as a great keepsake of memories, so make sure you spend enough time and effort to make this look professional.

We will use class time for research and exploration, but you will have to research outside of class as well. You will also complete your writings and work on the piecing together of your scrapbook at home. During this project, we will learn how to do note cards, which will be required sporadically through out the duration of the project, as well as learn to create bibliographies (citings for your sources). This project will span twelve weeks.

Layout:

- 1) Cover
- 2) Purpose Page (letter to yourself re: this project)
- 3) Each year of your life with the criteria for each
- 4) Creative Writings dispersed throughout

For each year, you will include the following **10** items:

Events:

- 1 world current event
- 1 local current event (USA)
- 1 sports moment

Fashion trends:

- clothing/fads
- hairstyle

Popular:

- music
- movie
- book

Personal:

- a picture of you at this age •
- (cont.)

2 events that occurred in your life at this age • **Make sure you include pictures and captions throughout these pages.

**All information sources and pictures obtained must be cited.

Order in which to arrange your 15 creative writings:

D Purpose letter to self: Opening

□ Year born (use actual year)

Bio Poem

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Criteria:
Length: -Two typed pages
<i>Format:</i> -Standard essay format (including intro, bodies, conclusion)
-Double-spaced
-Header and page numbers
-12 pt. font: Times New Roman
-Standard use of grammar (proofread and revise)

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tomorrow, b	e prepared to	raph answers to discuss your ans then share your	swer with	in your group,
1. What do y now?	you think life a	and the world w	ill be like	80 years from
		controlled by a everyone else?	powerful	government that
3. What if al	l competition	was removed fr	om societ	y?
4. What if te thoughts?	chnology beca	ame so advance	d that it co	ould read
Vocabulary	Example As	signment:		
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	circulates during group creations and discussions, correcting misconceptions and guiding learning.			
Timetables and Deadlines; Pacing Guide	Per instructor or department Sample Pacing Guide:			
	ENG. I COURSE OUTLINE			
	Texts Used:Adopted textbook The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet To Kill A Mockingbird Language Handbook or Daily Grammar Practice Vocabulary Workbook (Third Course)			
	<u>1st 6 Weeks</u>			
	Reading: Drama: The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet Poetry: Selected works			
	Writing: descriptive essays narrative essays research reader's response letters interviews			
	<i>Viewing:</i> Romeo and Juliet selected segments of film corresponding to the curriculum			
	<i>Speaking:</i> class presentations (both individual and group) impromptu speeches class debates dramatization of literature			
	Language Study: Vocabulary Workshop, Language Handbook Worksheets, EOC Prep. Guides			
	2nd 6 Weeks			
	Reading: Novel: To Kill a Mockingbird Short Story: Selected stories from text Fairy Tales, Folk Tales, Fables: Selected works Non-fiction (autobiography/biography): Selected works			
	Writing: expository essays			

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		Introduce definition writing
		research
		reader's response
		letters
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		impromptu speeches
		class debates
		dramatization of literature
	Language St	udy: Vocabulary Workshop, Language Handbook Worksheets, EOC Prep. Guides
	<u>3rd 6 Weeks</u>	<u>s</u>
	Reading:	Mythology
	Reduing.	
		-Notes from Edith Hamilton's <i>Mythology</i>
		-Various myths
		-Abridged versions of <i>The Iliad</i> and <i>The Odyssey</i>
	Writing:	persuasive essays
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		poetry
		reader's response
		letters
		interviews
	Viewing:	selected segments of film corresponding to the Curriculum
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	Speaking:	class presentations (both individual and group)
		impromptu speeches
		class debates
		dramatization of literature
	Language St	udy: Vocabulary Workshop, Language Handbook
		Worksheets, EOC Prep. Guides
Assessments	Students will	l be assessed through a balanced assessment system
		nclude a variety of formative and summative assessments.
	Examples are	•
	-	ative:
		Think-Pair-Share
		Intricipation Guides

Podcasting Role Play

Thinking Maps Journal Entries

Exit Slips

 Summative: Multiple Choice Items Fill-in-the-blank Short Answer Extended Response Performance Simulation

Sample Formative Assessments:

Anticipation Guide

Anticipation Guides provide personal connection and promote student thinking about significant themes they will encounter in the reading. As a literacy tool, they encourage students to engage while reading and focus on the issues they introduce. Before reading *Romeo and Juliet*, ask students to answer the following questions. They can respond with "true" or "false," or they can answer on a continuum, such as "highly agree" or "agree somewhat." Then the class can engage in a discussion of individual responses, identifying areas of controversy.

1. It is a child's duty to respect his/her parents' wishes under all circumstances.

2. Real love is possible at fifteen.

3. Shakespeare's themes and subjects are far different from today's society.

4. Love can overcome all.

5. The setting of the play is 18th Century England.

After reading, students can return to the anticipation guides and note how their thinking has changed or been impacted by the text.

To Kill a Mockingbird POST-IT NOTE QUESTIONS

Student-created questions that lead to interpretation and analysis are much more effective comprehension tools than the traditional end of chapter questions provided by teachers or textbooks. Discuss with the class the different levels of questions and how broader questions lead to interpretation and analysis. Ask students to pose one or two questions per chapter and to jot questions down on post-it notes, one per note. Post-its are affixed to the page of text they reference. In class, students can categorize these questions on the board or on a concept chart, and discuss possible answers with their peers. To help students make personal, literary, and cultural connections to Harper Lee's novel, ask them to record on post-it notes any connections they see as they read *To Kill a Mockingbird*. To emphasize the idea that connections should "count," remind students to think about how these observations help them better understand the text, and to discard the post-its that do not aid in comprehension. At the end of an assigned section, students can collaborate and categorize their connections, and stick their post-its on labeled posters throughout the room, allowing the class to view each other's ideas.

The Odyssey ANIMOTO

Students can create a multi-media presentation on Homer's The Odyssey using Animoto.com. The program is a quick, user-friendly website where students choose music and images from the Internet to illustrate their comprehension of character or theme. The result is a digital story told by music, art, and minimal text, such as quotations from the poem. After teacher-led discussion about how music and visuals can portray certain tones or themes, students simply choose the pieces, and Animoto puts them together in a professional-looking presentation. Students can post the presentations on the class website, where the clips can be viewed either collectively or at home. To extend the assignment, students can critique each other's work. Sample presentations and registration instructions can be found at the following website: <u>http://animoto.com/</u>

"The Most Dangerous Game" CLOSING ARGUMENTS SPEECHES In this activity, students take the role of attorneys presenting their "closing arguments" at the end of a criminal trial for one of the characters in the short story "The Most Dangerous Game." In this case either Rainsford or Zaroff is on trial. The crime can be varied: pain and suffering, failure to assist in an emergency, or murder. Ask students to choose whether to defend or prosecute the character. To prepare their case, they list all the possible arguments from both sides. For example, if they plan to defend General Zaroff, they list not only all the arguments they plan to use but also as many arguments as they can think of that will be used by the prosecution. Then, they'll list possible responses to the opposition's points. In this way, students not only consider both points of view but also illustrate their skills in persuasive writing and speaking. Students should be encouraged to use their own opinion but should also be required to cite the short story whenever possible to encourage close reading. Prior to preparing their arguments, students might watch a closing argument on video, such as the scene at the end of John Grisham's A Time to *Kill.* Such a model provides ideas for rhetorical strategies such as repetition, storytelling, and gestures. Students present arguments orally to the class.

Summative Assessment:

During our Mythology Unit, students work in groups to prepare a

lesson on their assigned myths. Students will <i>t</i> class following the rubric provided, thus each s criteria and points needed for grade of an <i>A</i> . So fifteen minutes per lesson, must use a visual aid must assess their fellow classmates on the mate their own choice of assessment).	student knows the tudents are allowed d in their teaching, and
Mythology Project Rubric	
Criteria	Points Possible
Visual Aid: (30 pts.)	
Creativity	10
Size and aesthetic appearance	10
Usefulness and placement in teaching	10
	10
<i>Effectiveness in Teaching:</i> (35 pts.)	
Clear and coherent	10
Knowledge on subject	10
Covered material completely	15
	15
<i>Time:</i> (15 pts.)	
Cognizant of time limit, plus or minus	15
three minutes	
Assessment: (20 pts.)	
Length	5
Question lucidity	5 5
Effectively testing covered material	5
Creativity in assessment	5
	100 pts. Total
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Summative Assessment:	
Mythology is Alive and Well The gods and heroes of ancient Greece ar own world. A U.S. space program is called Ap are named Saturn, Poseidon, and Mercury. Peo Oedipus complex or an Achilles' heel. Atlas V our tires are "vulcanized." If the gods were ali might they be doing? Assign one of the jobs b goddess in the box. It should be an appropriate	bollo, and some rockets ople talk of having an Van Lines move us, and ve and well, what elow to each god or
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3. president of General N	fills

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