

## Honors English 11

For all units, literature and composition may be modified from year to year - some titles may be added, removed, or changed, but kept at a similar lexile level, purpose, and literary period. Writing assignments may be modified from year to year to ensure academic honesty, address students' developmental needs, and relate to changes in the literature studied.

### First Quarter

Unit I, involving the Summer Assignment and Beginning of First Quarter

### Essential Questions

Are we ruled by fate or free will?

Why do we like or dislike things? What lies beneath our opinions?

How much pride is too much?

How and why is the journey a metaphor for growth?

How are we affected by external forces (society, politics, economics) and internal forces (fears, desires, aptitude, attitude)?

### Literature Books from the Twentieth- and Twenty-first Centuries

<i>A Damsel in Distress</i>	Summer
<i>A Room with a View</i>	Summer
<i>The Book of Lost Things</i>	Summer
<i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time</i>	Summer
<i>The Last Unicorn</i>	Summer
<i>Giants of the Frost</i>	Summer
<i>A Handful of Dust</i>	Summer

*Macbeth* (First Quarter) (Introduce theory)

*The Prince* by Machiavelli, excerpts (nonfiction)

Sonnets, Carpe Diem, Pastoral poems (Introduce meter, review poetry terms)

### Concepts

Literary Terms: quest, pathetic fallacy, archetypes, poetic terms, literary present tense, irony, hubris, etc.

Literary Critical Theory: Psychoanalytical, Feminist, Marxist

Theatre Terms: soliloquy, aside, blank verse, etc.

### Summer Assignment:

Paper 1: Character Response (informal) - pick a major character (protagonist, antagonist, or other important character who has a significant role for most of the book). *Writing About Literature*, Ch. 2-3 This is about your first summer novel.

Paper 2: Fate vs. Free Will - pull examples from both books, other books, movies (argumentation. formal) This is about both your summer novels and at least 1 other source.

## Composition

Summer novels as quest stories    Informal, in-class responses first weeks of school  
What is your journey right now?    (Timed, revise for portfolio?)  
*Macbeth* character analysis  
*Macbeth* motif analysis  
*Macbeth* fate vs. free will

## Assessments

Vocabulary Quizzes  
Papers (see Composition)  
Collins Writings  
Reading Quizzes and Tests  
Semester and Final Exams

### Common Core Standards

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