"The book to read is not the one that thinks for you, but the one which makes you think."
Harper Lee, author of *To Kill a Mockingbird*

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10th Grade Honors English A - Scope and Sequence

10th Grade Honors English focuses on the skills and basics elements of communication skills - writing, reading, speaking and viewing - which are represented in each unit of study, and planned around a theme. Honors 10th Grade English will assume a level of mastery in all basic elements, review, and then move into research, reflection, analysis, and response. We will enjoy work that challenges us, not that gives us more to do. All units will incorporate related non-fiction readings, language studies (vocabulary, grammar and usage practice), viewing (documentaries, films) and media components, as well as academic and creative writing, discussion and analysis. 10th grade will provide students with preparation for the 10th Grade State Reading Test. In addition, expectations mandated by the Common Core Standards are implemented into each unit. Our time together will result in better understanding literature meaning, purpose and tone, connecting elements for creative and critical thinking and analysis, extending our knowledge base, finding true messages, and finding our “20”.

**Section #1: Weeks #1 - 4**

*Welcome to the Jungle: How to Be A Successful Student and Citizen*

*** Basic elements of analysis and content
*** Positive Framing and True Messages
*** Review Elements of Literature
*** The 6 Traits of Writing

***Critical Reading and Writing Strategies
*** Notetaking, listening skills, discussion basics, and working in groups
*** Qualities of Successful People

**Section #2: Weeks #5-13**

*The World of a Story: A Reflection of Real Life*

Short Stories, *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck & *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

*** Research techniques
*** The elements in action

*** Oral presentations, and discussion
*** Literary Response and Analysis