

# "HONORS" DESIGNATION FOR MULTICULTURAL LIT/COMP AND BRITISH LIT/COMP

## Note to Parents from Margaret Shuman:

Reading is one of the best ways to improve language arts and life skill areas, so I have made a way for you to upgrade either Multicultural Lit/Comp or British Lit/Comp class to honors-level, based on the reading of 6 books and the presentation of one project. If the following requirements are completed to my satisfaction, I will provide a student with a custom grade report at the end of the school year with "Honors" before the title of the class.

## Breakdown of honors requirements for ML or BL for 2018-19:

- A prospective honors student will **read 6 books from the appropriate ML or BL section of my "summer reading list,"** found at my website. Books read in the summer (or over winter break and/or spring semester) for extra credit may count toward these 6 books.
- As in summer reading credit, the reading of each honors book can receive a 100/100 credit in Engrade, with a maximum 3 books credited first semester and 3 in the second. The exception would be for a few books that are ranked for higher or lower credit than 100 pts (see reading list).
- One book will be evaluated at a time. When a book is completed, the student will make an appointment with me via email at shumanhw@gmail.com. I will evaluate the reading of each book by oral review, usually. I will decide if the reading merits credit toward the 6-book honors requirement. All reading will be evaluated by 6:00 pm, May 1, 2019.
- At any point in the year, the student will **propose a project that one of his 6 books inspires.** If the project concept is approved by me, he will execute the project according to objectives we will set up. Then the student will be informally interviewed by me about the project during his ML or BL class, sometime before the end of the school year.

**Please write me with questions at shumanhw@gmail.com!**