

**HONORS ENGLISH 9 APPLICATION FORM AND PERMISSION**  
**Please return this form to the guidance office by February 1, 2025**

The following information should be filled out **BY THE STUDENT APPLYING:**

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardians' names \_\_\_\_\_

**Why are you applying to Honors English 9?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Honors English 9 Expectations:**

Students who elect the honors tract should expect an accelerated reading and writing program. Challenging texts, novels, poems, biographies, and research will serve as springboards for narrative and expository writing, group and individual assignments, independent reading, integration of technology, research, creative interpretation, and presentations, either oral, electronic, or artistic. Standards are high, and students will be expected to strive for excellence, growth, and academic integrity.

- **Students WILL BE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE A SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT.**
- Students must earn a "B" (83%) or above to advance to English 10 Honors.

**Entrance essay for the English Honors Program at Mount Vernon High School:**

Choose **one** of the essay topics below. Your **typed** and **attached** submission will be evaluated on the following components:

- Organization
- Adherence to the prompt
- Grammar and mechanics

**ALL COMPONENTS ABOVE SHOULD REFLECT YOUR ABILITY, NOT SOMEONE ELSE'S.**

Do not combine these topics. Choose one only after thinking about which prompt showcases you the best.

1. Discuss a time when you did not succeed. How did you benefit as a result?
2. Discuss a book that has left an impression on you.
3. Discuss a historical event that has shaped our world.
4. Discuss a talent or skill you possess that makes you the most proud.
5. Discuss a book character who makes an interesting contribution to their society.

I understand what is expected of me if I gain entrance into the Honors English program at Mount Vernon High School. **I have prepared my essay to the best of my ability**, including construction and edits.

\_\_\_\_\_ Student signature

I understand what is expected of my son/daughter if he/she gains entrance into the Honors English program at Mount Vernon High School. I support his/her choice to apply.

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent signature