

# "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 six books and the presentation of one project. If the following requirements are completed to my satisfaction, I will provide a student with a 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:

- A prospective honors student will **read six books from the appropriate ML or BL section of the reading list** found at my website. Books may be read in the summer or during the school year,
- The reading of each honors book can receive a 100/100 credit in Gradebook, with a maximum three books credited first semester and three 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](mailto:shumanhw@gmail.com). I will evaluate the reading of each book by oral review, usually by a friendly phone call. I will decide if the reading merits credit toward the six-book honors requirement. This also gives me a chance to visit with a student and learn of their interests, which I love to do!
- At any point in the year, the student will **propose a project that one of their six books inspires**. If the project concept is approved by me, they will execute the project according to objectives we will set up. Then the student will be informally interviewed by me about the project during their ML or BL class, sometime before the end of the school year.

**Please write me with questions at [shumanhw@gmail.com](mailto:shumanhw@gmail.com)!**