

HOW TO SUCCEED IN ENGLISH 10/HONORS

The most important thing you can do in order to succeed in this class is to understand the expectations, and work with a positive attitude towards achieving them. Here are some other tips:

Set Goals

Knowing where you want to be and how to get there will make your time at this school well spent. Make goals for yourself every year, every term, every week, every day, whatever works for you. This could be something like “I am going to learn 10 new words this week” or “I am going to really try to raise my hand today.” Everybody’s different, and your goals should be too.

Prioritize

Know the difference between what *is* important and what *seems* important. Even though it might seem more enjoyable to just go home and binge an entire show on Netflix, consider the feeling of accomplishment you’ll get from doing all of your homework or catching up on your reading, *then* devouring pop culture ad nauseam. Moreover, don’t get hung up on smaller assignments if there are larger assignments that need your attention!

Analyze Your Habits

Have you been successful in English in the past? Why or why not? What change(s) might you make that could help you improve? If you don’t know, ask me for some more tips. If you find that you spend the time working on your writing but still don’t get the grade you want, ask me what you can do next time. It may simply be that you’re not using your effort effectively—a problem that can usually be remedied.

Create a Work Space

Have a designated place and time to do your school work. This should not be near a TV, phone, or other distraction. Create a comfortable, clutter free environment for yourself, even if it is just a corner of a room in your house or the library.

Do the Work

Now that you have a space, do what is assigned. Read directions carefully and follow them completely. It really is that simple.

Communicate

If there is a problem, or you do not understand something, talk about it. If you would rather not ask in front of the whole class, see me outside of class time. I am happy to spend time helping you—it’s why I’m here!

Reward Yourself

If you find that you have succeeded in reaching a goal (like you earned a great grade on that writing assignment you worked for weeks on or you knew the answer to a difficult question or you actually completed ALL 25 pages of your reading assignment) reward yourself! Do something fun that you enjoy!