

## Honors English 9 First Semester Terms and Skills Review List

### Essay Construction

- Introduction – attention & thesis
- Thesis – placement & definition (a little different on the exam – states purpose and previews the main ideas of the essay vs. statement of position/opinion - claim)
- Topic Sentence
- Concluding sentence of paragraph
- Transitions
- Use of evidence
- MLA in-text citation format
- Introducing a quotation: who, when, why states the quote
- Explanation of quotation: explain how the quote proves the thesis point
- Purpose of conclusion: restate thesis & summarize main points (vs. the so what conclusion)

### Literary Terms & Devices

- Author's purpose
- Theme (how to figure it out in narratives)
- Protagonist
- Plot Curve: exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, denouement (no distinction between technical and dramatic climax)
- Irony: situational, verbal, dramatic
- Point of View: 1<sup>st</sup> person, 2<sup>nd</sup> person, 3<sup>rd</sup> person limited, 3<sup>rd</sup> person omniscient
- Dialect
- Characterization: direct comment/physical description, action, dialogue, reactions of others, thoughts/feelings/motivations
- Persuasion: logos, ethos, pathos
- Tone
- Mood
- Dramatic vs. Technical climax
- Suspense
- Foreshadowing
- Flashback
- Juxtaposition
- Allusion
- Figurative language: symbol, metaphor, tenor, vehicle, simile, personification
- Sound & Language Techniques: alliteration, assonance, repetition, parallel structure
- Imagery
- Setting
- Conflict: internal vs. external
- Diction
- Skills: Using context clues for vocabulary; Making inferences & drawing conclusions; Identifying telling details