

Student Name: _____ **LaFlamme: Honors English 1**

Date: _____

SELF REFLECTION: Characteristics of an Honors Student

Directions: The self evaluation below gives you the opportunity to reflect on many of the characteristics of an honors student that we have been discussing to start the year. There is no concrete definition of an honors student. However, we have certainly determined through our discussion that an honors student should be much more than an accelerated learner. Rather, an honors student should strive to have several habits of mind and other associated characteristics listed below (among others). With serious reflection, rate the frequency of your current attitudes and habits below.

How often do I...	Almost Always	Often	Sometimes	Seldom	Never
1. Take seriously the need to study.					
2. Become curious about new topics.					
3. Get excited to learn about something new.					
4. Want to know about things because they are there to be known, not necessarily for the purpose like getting good grades.					
5. Listen to and seriously consider all sides of an issue.					
6. Appreciate diversity as an opportunity for personal enrichment by learning from others.					
7. Believe I have a responsibility to enhance the learning of my classmates.					
8. Believe it is irresponsible to come to class unprepared in any way.					
9. Focus and pay attention in class because I value my learning.					
9. Focus and pay attention in class because I feel I have a responsibility to those around me.					

How often do I...	Almost Always	Often	Some-times	Seldom	Never
10. Take responsibility for a lack of skill or knowledge rather than blaming others.					
11. Feel more motivated by the material than the grade.					
12. Have high expectations for myself.					
13. Talk poorly about my teachers.					
14. Help others in the classroom.					
15. Seek feedback from the teacher with an open mind.					
16. Seek feedback from my peers with an open mind.					
17. Participate productively in class.					
18. Enjoy a hard class because I like a challenge.					
19. Enjoy reading for enhancing knowledge or for leisure.					
20. Feel pride in being an honors student.					

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21. List the characteristics, habits, or attitudes you feel you most need to develop at this time:

22. In order to be most successful with this, I would appreciate the following support from Mrs. LaFlamme and Mrs. Ouillette:

BEGINNING OF YEAR SKILL REFLECTION

I feel MOST comfortable with my academic skills in the following areas (circle all that apply):

Writing Style	Use of Textual Evidence	Communicating my Opinion in Writing	Communicating my Opinion Orally
Annotating a Text	Analyzing a Text	Developing Open-Ended Questions	Locating Textual Evidence
Structuring an Academic Essay	Critiquing my Peers	Using Appropriate Grammar	Editing and Critiquing my Own Work

I believe I have found success in these areas because _____

I feel LEAST comfortable with my academic skills in the following areas (circle all that apply):

Writing Style	Use of Textual Evidence	Communicating my Opinion in Writing	Communicating my Opinion Orally
Annotating a Text	Analyzing a Text	Developing Open-Ended Questions	Locating Textual Evidence
Structuring an Academic Essay	Critiquing my Peers	Using Appropriate Grammar	Editing and Critiquing my Own Work

I believe I have difficulties in these areas because _____

One major academic goal I have for this year is _____

In order to be most successful this year, I would appreciate the following support from Mrs. LaFlamme and Mrs. Ouillette: _____
