



Falcon Forum

Online Discussion Board

The discussion board is one of many online tools we will use in Honors English. Only those who have registered and been cleared by the teacher may participate, so this is one online environment where it is safe to use your real name (first and last). There will be periodic assignments on the discussion board that will require all class members to respond (in writing) to the same questions, and there is an “open” forum where students can discuss their own questions about the literature and writing we cover in the classroom. For that reason, we will use our real names (properly spelled, spaced, and capitalized) because only members of our online class will be able to see the weekly discussion posts. The Falcon Forum is a monitored online environment. Do not post anything in violation of the school acceptable use policy. *You are not anonymous!*

How to register for the online discussion board:

- Go here: http://s2.excoboard.com/Falcon_Forum
- Click “**Register**”. (It’s a tiny link under the picture of the falcon in the title banner.)
- Fill in the boxes according to the following information:
 - **Username:** FIRST AND LAST NAME (properly spelled, capitalized, and spaced). The discussion board is available only to our class, so you it’s safe to use your name.)
 - **Password:** Use your Student PIN.
 - **E-mail:** Enter an address that you use regularly. You will need to check your e-mail after registration. In order to complete the registration process, you have to respond to the e-mail. Only then can I activate your account.
- **Display e-mail:** Change the setting to “Do not display e-mail”.
- **Cookies:** NO
- Enter the character verification at bottom of the page to prove you are a real human being.
- **Submit.**
- Check your e-mail (including the spam folder) for a verification message from Excoboard. Follow the instructions in that message and reply. When I see your verification, I will activate your account.
- After your account is activated, you will be able to log in to the discussion board to respond to the discussion questions.

The discussion board is located here:

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There is a link to the discussion board on the Honors English home page:

<http://wolfmanenglishteacher.com/honors/>



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Avatars

This is just for fun, so if you don't have time to mess around with it or if you aren't particularly computer savvy, don't worry about any of this:

- An avatar is a little graphic (no more than 100 x 100 pixels) that will appear next to all your posts. If you want to have an avatar, you have to upload one to your Image Gallery.
- **Find an avatar.** There are thousands of sites that sponsor them, or if you are especially creative, you can make your own.
- **Make sure your avatar is appropriate** for school. (If you can't wear it to school on a t-shirt, you can't make it your avatar for this class.)
- When you've found your avatar (on the Internet), **right-click** on it and select "**Save picture as.**" (If you created your own, just make sure it is a *.jpg* or *.gif* file.)
- Save the picture to your own computer. (Remember where you save it so you can find it later!)
- Log in to the discussion board.
- Click "My Account." (It's a tiny link in the title banner.)
- Click "Image Gallery."
- Click "View/upload images to folder."
- Click "Browse," and select the file on your computer. (This is why you had to remember where you saved it.)
- Click "Submit," and the avatar will then be in your Image Gallery.
- Underneath the avatar image you uploaded, click "**Get image link.**"
- **Copy** the URL link. It'll look like this: <http://s2.excoboard.com/forums/3484/user/16806/401487.jpg>
- Click "Profile."
- **Paste** the link into the Avatar field.
- Click "Submit."
- Your avatar will now show up next to the posts you make on the discussion board.