

## Academic Integrity Synthesis Essay

Pre-A.P. English 10

Mr. Harrison

**Compose your draft this weekend in Google Classroom. Share with two peers for review (special emphasis on checking for plagiarism). DO NOT CLICK SUBMIT until you have made your revisions Tuesday night. Printed revised draft is due Wednesday. Maximum length is 2-1/2 typed pages.**

Your essay on academic integrity should address the following questions:

1. What is integrity? Why should integrity be personally important to students? What are the benefits of being part of a “community of trust”?
2. Does everyone know how to identify forms of cheating? What factors contribute to academic dishonesty in high school?
3. What are the short-term and long-term consequences for showing a lack of integrity?
4. What can **we** do to create a “community of trust” at **White Station High School**, where integrity can become the norm? What specifically can we (students, teachers, administrators, parents, counselors, etc.) do to improve the academic culture? (***This is your most important paragraph***).

Before writing, please re-evaluate the sources we have discussed in class (all either are linked on the website’s Calendar page or appear in DropBox). You should support your argument with evidence from **a minimum of EIGHT of these sources** (listed below). When you do so, be sure to mention within the sentence where your ideas come from (in-text citation rather than parenthetical citation).

- Your written reflections and classroom discussions and notes
- Classroom poll results (in DropBox) and Indiana University’s description of plagiarism
- “Why Students Cheat” (Carnegie-Mellon)
- “Why Do Students Cheat?” (Harvard)
- “Common Myths about Academic Dishonesty” (UC Santa Barbara)
- “8 Astonishing Stats on Academic Cheating” (OEDb)
- “Poll: U.S. Teens Say Cheating Widespread” (ABCNews)
- “Survey Shows Cheating and Academic Dishonesty Prevalent in Colleges and Universities” (Kessler)
- “Technology Makes It Easier but What Do We Really Know about Why Students Cheat?” (NEA Today)
- IBO Academic Honesty contest winner
- “Cheating in School – Facts, Consequences, and Prevention” (MiddleEarth)
- “Why Cheating Hurts Students Now and in Their Future” (Hudgens)
- “How Will Cheating in School Affect the rest of your Life?” (Cascio)
- “The Effects on Students Who Get Caught Cheating in College” (Thompson)
- “Academic Integrity at MIT – Consequences” (MIT)
- The “Causes and Consequences” article *from The Daily Californian*
- Common App teacher recommendation form

- “Student Cheating Habits – A Predictor of Workplace Deviance” (Graves)
- Sewanee’s Honor Code, Pledge, and Honor Council
- US Air Force Academy’s “Developing Officers of Character” video
- University of Virginia’s Honor Code (10-minute video hosted by Katie Couric)
- "What Can Be Done About Student Cheating?" (NEAToday)
- “Student Cheating Habits – A Predictor of Workplace Deviance” (Graves)
- "Fundamental Values of Academic Integrity" (CAI)
- "Ten Principles of Academic Integrity for Faculty" (McCabe & Pavela)
- “How to Stop Cheating in College” (Barthel)
- "Academic Integrity: Cheat or Be Cheated" (Pope)

#### Writing/Editing Tips:

- Clearly support your claim and support it with specific details from the sources we have discussed and from your personal experiences.
- Some of the source I gave you were shared as we discussed one of the four major ideas (what/why/consequences/now what), but some of them make good points on more than one major idea. Feel free to use ideas from any source at any point in your paper.
- Make sure you address the responsibilities of all the stakeholders in your fourth paragraph.
- Peer editors should focus not only on grammar, spelling, and punctuation, but also on unity with each paragraph, clear transitions, and potential plagiarism.
- High school essays do NOT have to be exactly 5 paragraphs long. Your essay’s structure should fit your purpose.
- All sentences in a paragraph should relate to a central idea. Paragraphs may be shorter than five sentences long.
- Your essay must be typed according to basic MLA guidelines for formatting (example in DropBox “First days” folder). Make sure that pages 2 & 3 include your name and page number at the upper right. You do not have to create a Works Cited page *for this assignment*, but you do need to mention the source article by name (within the sentence) when using an idea for support.