

# Grade 8 ELA Syllabus 2024-2025

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Welcome to our English Language Arts class! 😊

**Required Materials:** \*3-subject notebook (or 3 1-subject notebooks) \*pens and pencils \*highlighters or colored pencils—at least 5 different colors \*independent reading book (from home or school library) Optional materials: index cards, loose leaf paper

**Course Summary:** This course is designed to provide students with learning tasks and opportunities in order to develop language and literacy skills that will prepare them for high school and beyond. Montana state standards aligned curriculum steeped in the classics, modern literature, multimedia, and non-fiction genres will guide all of our units. Students will be expected to participate and demonstrate proficiency in the standards of Reading, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language throughout the year.

**Online Resources:** Teams, commonlit.org, Google Classroom, noredink.com, dictionary.com

**How will student learning be assessed?** A student's learning is assessed using a variety of formative and summative assessments including traditional tests, projects, written papers, or verbal assessments.

Exceeds standard	=	90-100%
Meets standard	=	80-90%
Progressing	=	70-80%
Below standard	=	60-70%
No Evidence	=	0-60%

**Reassessment:** The goal in a standards-based class is to ensure that students master the essential standards for the class, so any effort to raise a student's grade will have the same goal. **The student should meet with me to arrange for reassessment. Only assessment assignments can be reassessed. Reassessments may be done within 1 week of the grade being posted to PowerSchool. Reassessments must be prearranged with me and completed in my classroom during Advisor period.**

## **Gradebook Categories and Weight:**

Classwork - classroom activities, practice, preparation assignments, etc	25%
Quizzes - vocabulary, reading journals, other formative assessments	15%
Assessments - measure of student proficiency on any particular standard	60%

## **Student Hints for Success:**

- Check PowerSchool, TEAMS (even when absent if you are able), and the whiteboard in my room every day.
- Attendance, participation, being on time, coming to class prepared, and being ready to learn are essential for success.
- If you are absent, you are responsible for getting missed assignments from Teams and completing them within 3 days of your return. If you are absent multiple days, please speak with me to arrange alternate due dates.
- Reassess! Mistakes are part of the learning process. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn more and try again.

## **Classroom Rules:**

1. Be responsible for yourself, respect others, and do your best!
2. Be on time and bring materials to class every day.
3. Misuse of technology will have natural consequences; stay on task. No phones or earbuds!
4. No food (that includes candy) or beverages, other than water, should be brought into the classroom.
5. ZERO harassment: Be kind/respectful toward one another and open to other viewpoints.
6. ZERO cheating: Plagiarism is the intentional or unintentional presentation of someone else's ideas or work as your own. Plagiarism/AI or any other form of cheating will result in an automatic ZERO for the assignment. More than one offense will result in an office disciplinary referral. **This applies to all work in this course. Your job is to THINK for yourself, LEARN for yourself, and CONVEY that knowledge in your own words.**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_