

ELA & Reading 8

"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads only lives one."

-George R.R. Martin

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WELCOME...

to your English class! Be prepared for reading and writing every day! There is much to accomplish this year, and I am confident that we will have fun in the process! Just remember to be present, actively engaged, and do your best!

Expectation

Classroom Behavior

- ❖ Be on time!
- ❖ Be prepared!
- ❖ Be respectful to EVERYONE!
- ❖ Be responsible!
- ❖ Be present!
- ❖ Be your best you!

Materials

- ❖ Composition Notebook
- ❖ Pencils/Pens/Colored
- ❖ Pencils/Highlighters/Markers
- ❖ Post-it notes (not the super sticky ones)
- ❖ Silent Reading Book



Grading

What's in a grade?

Reading and Language Arts have the following Categories: Summative Assessments, Formative/In-class Practice, and Skills/Understanding Practice. Your grade will be a combination of the following:

- ❖ Tests/Quizzes
- ❖ Projects (Reading and Writing)
- ❖ Independent Practice
- ❖ In Class Assignments
- ❖ Participation
- ❖ Essays

AERIES is the place I record grades. Do **Not** rely on Google Classroom.

Assignments

Students can expect nightly work, however, not always from every subject in Core. If there are no assignments due the following day, students should read, work on a writing piece, or work on a project with an upcoming deadline. **(Waiting to the last minute to complete a project or writing piece will more than likely result in excessive homework time.)**

Late Work

Just don't have late work. Do your part so that everything is turned in on time. However, turning in work late is better than simply not doing it. Late assignments may receive partial credit.

Grading Scale

100 - 92.45%	= A
92.44 - 89.45%	= A-
89.44 - 87.45%	= B+
87.44 - 82.45%	= B
82.44 - 79.45%	= B-
79.44 - 77.45%	= C+
77.44 - 72.45%	= C
72.44 - 69.45%	= C-
69.44 - 67.45%	= D+
67.44 - 62.45%	= D
62.44 - 59.45%	= D-
59.44 - 0	= F

Possible Texts

We will be using the adopted curriculum, SpringBoard, along with texts from *CommonLit*. Other supporting materials and novels will be used. Novels may include...

- ❖ *Day of Tears*
- ❖ *Hunger Games*
- ❖ *Night*
- ❖ *Hit and Run*
- ❖ *Fahrenheit 451*

Possible Projects

- ❖ Comic Strips
- ❖ Compare and Contrast Paper
- ❖ Creative Writing
- ❖ Newsletter
- ❖ Novel Essays
- ❖ Opinion Paper
- ❖ Personal Narratives
- ❖ Poetry
- ❖ Book Review
- ❖ Argumentation Paper

Welcome to English class



I've been expecting you

Reminders

Cheating & Plagiarism

Just don't do it. If it is discovered that a student used someone else's work or AI as their own, they will earn an automatic zero for that assignment, no matter how small it may be.

Grading Categories/Percentages

Reading & ELA

- Summative Assessments- 60%
- Formative/In-Class Practice- 30%
- Skills/Understanding Practice- 10%

Total - 100%

Absences

If students are absent, it is their responsibility to find out what they missed and make up all assignments, quizzes, or tests. Assignments can be acquired by accessing google classroom, contacting the teacher, or a fellow classmate. Students should also ask a fellow classmate or me for any clarifications they may need.

Office Hours

I am available before school, during lunch, and after school. The student needs to make arrangements with me especially if it is before or after school.

Questions

If students or parents have any questions regarding assignments or expectations, I am available for clarification. Email or call, and I will respond as soon as I can. Please be patient as I may need to gather information before returning messages or may have previously scheduled meetings that prevent me from responding the same day.