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8th Grade English Language Arts

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MEET After school on Wednesdays

HI
THERE!

Welcome to 8th grade ELA - I look forward to spending this year with you! My goal over the next 180 days is to help you master all of the skills necessary to leave 8th grade feeling confident in your reading, writing, and speaking. We will work together to have fun and make sure you feel prepared for high school!

TEXT ALERTS

Text your class code below to 81010 to receive daily messages about tests, quizzes, homework, and more.

ELA 2nd period: @6k2k7h
ELA 3rd period: @76b2889
ELA 4th period: @ee84g88

MATERIALS



Homework Folder



Assigned Reading

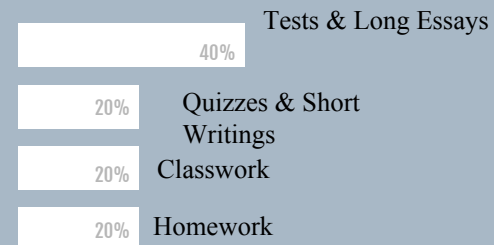


Writing Utensils



Laptop

GRADES



YEAR AT A GLANCE

AUG

UNIT 1 Writing for a Change

OCT

Exploring social justice topics and proposing solutions for continued advocacy.

FEB

UNIT 3 Civil Rights

MAR

Examining catalysts and propellers of the Civil Rights Movement in "A Mighty Long Way"

OCT

UNIT 2 Where Does Our Food Come From?/ Poetry

FEB

Analyzing and defending 4 major food systems in America using "The Omnivore's Dilemma". Exploring and writing multiple forms of poetry.

APR

UNIT 4 Finding Home

JUNE

Examining why and how refugees flee to new homes in "Inside Out & Back Again"

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POLICIES & PROCEDURES

ATTENDANCE

Attendance and participation are required. It is your responsibility to find out what work you have missed if absent. You have one day for each day missed to submit the work. After that, late work has to be made up after school.

LATE WORK

Late work will be accepted for 100% credit for up to one week after it is due and has to be made up after school. If the work is still not submitted after one week, the assignment will receive a zero.

GRADING

I grade using a scale of 0 to 4 based on a level of mastery. Numerically scores are as follows: 0= 55 if attempted; 0=0 if no attempt or completely wrong; 1= 65; 2=75; 3=85; 4=95. Grades will be entered into PowerSchool. It is your responsibility to check that your grades match what is entered electronically. Late work will be entered at my earliest convenience. Please check online before asking what your grade is.

HONESTY

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated in any form. Any assignment that is proven to be the work of anyone other than the student will be given a zero.

TECHNOLOGY

Students are permitted to use school-issued laptops only in class. No smartphones or other devices are allowed. Students who abuse these privileges will have them revoked.

PREPARATION

Students are expected to be prepared for class each day. That means:

- Your laptop is charged
- You have writing utensils including pens, pencils, and highlighters
- You completed the assigned homework and reading
- You start working on the activator assignment when the bell rings

I NEED HELP! NOW WHAT?

- 1 Download the REMIND app to receive class text messages and message me when needed.
- 2 Come in after school on Thursdays to get small-group or one-on-one instruction.
- 3 Talk to Ms. Jones about changing your schedule to get an intervention class.

BEHAVIOR CONSEQUENCES

1. Verbal warning
2. Student conference
3. Parent contact (phone call, email, letter)
4. Detention
5. Parent conference
6. Discipline referral to principal



Your PowerSchool account is your access point for checking on your progress in class. Be sure to check your grades weekly to ensure you are keeping up with assignments. There is also an app you can download to your phone.