

8th Grade Language Arts Syllabus

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Welcome to English Language Arts 8! An exciting year of reading, grammar, and writing awaits us! We will focus on increasing our rigor to improve strength in every area.

Listed below is classroom information that will be helpful as we begin the school year.

Language Arts 8 Description:

Language Arts is broken down into the following focus areas: Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening, and Language. My goal is integrate these focus areas successfully by teaching concepts that will enable each child to become college and career ready.

Textbooks: Literature Grade 8 by Holt McDougal

Grammar Grade 8 by Glencoe

Writing and Grammar by Prentice Hall

Novels:

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

The Captain's Dog by Roland Smith

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Holes by Louis Sachar

Class Supplies—Bring Them Every Day!

- ✓ 1 Folder
- ✓ 1 Notebook
- ✓ Loose-leaf paper
- ✓ 2 Book covers
- ✓ Pencils (sharpened before class begins)/black/blue pens
- ✓ Correcting pens (red, purple, or gel pens)

- *Once school begins make sure to bring these things to class as well:*
 - *Book to read*
 - *All required assignments*



Homework:

Students will occasionally have homework. I try to have much of the work completed in class. If the student does have homework each student is responsible for turning in his or her homework in on time. If the homework is late the assignment will only be given half the points. Late assignments will only be accepted up to a week after the due date.

Graded Work:

Student work will be graded on a point scale. Larger assignments (tests, projects, etc.) will be given a higher point value than daily work or homework.

Make-Up Work:

Students are responsible for making up all missed work during their absence. This includes any classroom assignments, reading assignments, homework, quizzes, and tests. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that make-up work is received and

completed. Students have two days from the day they return to school from an *EXCUSED* absence to get all their missed assignments completed and turned in. Failure to turn in make-up work will result in zeroes for those grades. Unexcused absences will automatically receive zeroes.

Rules:

1. Respect each other and respect me.
2. All Forsyth School District rules in effect, in this classroom.
3. Be in your seat and ready to work when the bell rings.
4. All students are to remain seated unless otherwise instructed.
5. Bring your supplies to class.
6. No cell phones, music is at teacher's discretion.
7. No cheating!
8. If you borrow it, return it.
9. Please take care of bathroom and water breaks before class, but do not be tardy to class.
10. Please try your best all the time.

Please sign below and have the student return this to Mrs. Derenburger by August 25.

I have read Mrs. Derenburger's syllabus. I fully understand my responsibilities.

Student's signature: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Date: _____

