

English Language Arts – Grade 8

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Texts:

Collections [Grade 8] – Holt/Rinehart/Winston

Selected novels and poems

Filmed Adaptations May Include But Are Not Limited to:

Band of Brothers, Fahrenheit 451 (1966,2018), Alfred Hitchcock Presents, Dead Poet's Society, Charly, Flowers For Algernon, The Giver, Anne Frank, The Boy in the Striped Pajamas, Glory, The Chocolate War, The Outsiders, The Ransom of Red Chief, Gods and Generals, Remember the Titans, A Midsummer Night's Dream(1999), Merchant of Venice (2004), 12 Angry Men (1957,1997)

Description:

English Language Arts – Grade 8 is designed to foster the continued growth of skills and strategies introduced and previously studied along the developmental continuum, beginning in the Elementary School grades. More complex texts and materials will be utilized to prepare students for high school success and global citizenship.

Goals:

Students will hone skills needed for higher education, the workplace and global citizenship including:

- 1) Developing and practicing effective critical thinking skills.
- 2) Learning and practicing effective techniques for academic listening and note taking.
- 3) Learning and practicing effective techniques for public communication.
- 4) Learning and practicing effective writing techniques for global communication.

The goals for this course have been developed to meet the NYS's NextGen Standards. For more information please visit the website below.

- o <http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/new-york-state-next-generation-english-language-arts-learning-standards>

Requirements:

Successful completion of English Language Arts – Grade 7 or Grade 7 Honors

Supplies:

Marble composition Notebook (2)
Blue/Black inked Pens (2 Boxes)

Loose Leaf - College Ruled (2 Packages)
Pocket Folder (1) Tissues (2 Boxes)

Grading Policy:

Formal evaluations of student learning may include but are not limited to: writing assignments, tests, quizzes, projects, and speeches. Quarterly averages are determined on a Total Point System. For example, a homework assignment may be worth 5 points whereas a test or essay may be worth 25 points.

Homework Policy:

Homework is essential to foster growth of skills. Homework will be posted on the Team 8C webpage on a daily basis. Homework reminders will often be sent via Remnd.com as well.

Remind.com: Periods 3, 4, 8 - @mrcregents

Remind.com: Periods 2, 9 - @mrc2h9h

Late Work Policy:

All assignments should be turned in on the assignment due date, during the student's scheduled class period. If a student is present for class but does not turn in a major assignment (i.e. project/essay/etc.) the assignment will lose ten % of the total grade value each day late

- In cases of extenuating circumstances, please email me and individual arrangements may be made on a case-by-case basis.

If a student is absent from class, homework and major assignments are due upon return to class as per the Van Wyck Student Handbook.

Expectations:

The great Vince Lombardi sums up the expectations for Team 8C with the following quotation:
"The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand."

Examinations:

District Created Pre-Test and Post-Test
New York State ELA Exam

Note:

I have been summoned for Jury Duty beginning on September 27th. Should I be selected, I will not be at Open House that evening. I will provide Mr. Testa with a video recording to that evening. I will also post this recording on my webpage.

Sincerely,

Scott Cheney
Team 8C

9/14/18

I have received and read Mr. Cheney's Course Syllabus. I understand the classroom practices and policies. I will contact Mr. Cheney via email with any questions and/or concerns.

Please return this confirmation sheet only on Monday, September 17, 2018.

Student Name (Print) _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Name (Print) _____

Parent Signature _____