

English 8
Period 9
Mrs. Rovere

Literature: The Grade 8 English Curriculum includes:

- ◇ various short stories through a mystery unit
- ◇ *Things Not Seen* (summer reading)
- ◇ *The Outsiders*
- ◇ *The Pearl*
- ◇ *Lost in Yonkers*
- ◇ *Animal Farm*
- ◇ *The Cage*
- ◇ Poetry
- ◇ many other supplemental pieces

Vocabulary: *Vocabulary Workshop*, Level C

Grammar: *Heath Grammar* text and *Language Network* workbook, extending the 8 parts of speech, sentences, and patterns; and adding complex sentences and specific clauses.

Writing: This year our focus is on The Writing Process. Using the process we will respond to and analyze literature.

Homework: Homework will be assigned regularly and must be neatly and conscientiously completed. Each student starts the year with a 100% homework average. Each missing homework assignment will deduct 5 points from that average. Homework is assigned as practice of the day's skills or preparation for the next day's work. Unless there is an extenuating circumstance, I am unable to collect late homework assignments.

Grading Policy: Grades will be based on the following categories and percentages:

Homework:	20%
Quizzes:	20%
Essays/Tests/Projects:	50%
Class Participation:	10%

Extra Help: Extra help is readily available by appointment. Please encourage your child to see me with *any* questions or concerns. I am available before and after school on all days except Wednesday.

Contact Information: Call me at 631-367-6816 or email me at jrovere@csh.k12.ny.us