

English 8 2009-2010

Ms. Martino

Proper MLA Heading:

Name

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Course Information:

Literature, Writing, and Grammar

Literature: Our selections will incorporate novels, short stories, and vocabulary. Vocabulary words will come from our readings as well as *Vocabulary Workshop Level C*.

Writing: Our class's focus will be on writing: creating it, editing it, and revising it. Writings will both respond to and analyze the literature we read. Students will ultimately work to master the four English Language Arts Standards assessed through the ELA in April.

Grammar: Our study of grammar will include the following:

- The 8 parts of speech
- Actions vs. linking verbs
- Simple, complex, and compound sentences
- Sentence patterns
- Prepositional Phrases
- Clauses: Adjective, adverb, subordinate, in subordinate

Grading: Total points earned/total points possible

Assignments are weighted accordingly. Students are informed of the points possible and the due date at the start of each individual assignment.

Late assignments: -5 points per school day

It is important to complete your assignments on time in order for them to be purposeful. You must be responsible and keep track of your assignments in your planner.

Attendance: You must be on time for class. It is expected that you arrive on time, take your seat before the bell rings, and have the materials needed for class that day on your desk. You are not to go to the cafeteria before or during class.

Homework: 3-5 times per week, 30-45 minutes per assignment, Complete the grammar and vocabulary exercise thoroughly.

Accountability: You must be responsible for your work and your behavior. A large part of being successful in school is staying organized and managing your time properly. Yes, this means signing off Facebook and putting your cell phone away while you complete your assignments and read a book! You will reap the rewards of your hard work!

Be reflective: Ask yourself how you are doing? What could you do better? What have you done well?

YOU are responsible for you and your work.

Ask for help: You may find me in the English office during and after school.

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Projected Reading List:

Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements

The Pearl by John Steinbeck

Animal Farm by George Orwell

The Cage by Ruth Sender

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

Lost in Yonkers by Neil Simon

We will also peruse selections of poetry, short stories, and non-fiction pieces.

English Test Day: FRIDAY