

Yeager Middle School 8th grades ELA
Course Syllabus 2019 – 2020
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Planning Periods: 1st and 2nd periods
Tutoring Times: 7:30-8am by appointment

Goal:

The middle school ELA course is designed to give all students an understanding of the standards, evidenced by narrative writing, response to literature, research/expository writing, and persuasive writing in essay format, housed in their writing portfolio that remains with their ELA teacher until completion of 8th grade. This course will prepare the students for the End of Grade test in ELA that will be aligned with the Georgia Performance Standards.

The primary objective for this course is to assist students in discovering new ideas or solutions to situations by using their own thinking processes along with cognitive and affective learning experiences. Students will discover the joy of exploration and discovery that will make them lifelong learners and encourage them in taking ownership of their learning and help them become creative and independent thinkers, readers, and writers.

Content: Narrative Writing

Response to Literature
Research/Expository Writing
Persuasive Writing
Creative Writing

Grading Weights: 50% Classwork
35% Assessments/CDA's/Projects
10% Homework
5% Participation

Textbook: Various Novel Studies
Informational Texts
Literature Textbook

Grading Scale: A=100-90 B=89-80
C=79-71 D=70 F=69 and below

Assessment: WriteScore, Reading Interest Inventory, STAR360, Accelerated Reader, Common District Assessments (CDAs), Class Exams and Quizzes

ELA Notebook: The students will keep all assignments for each unit of study in the ELA section of their binder. The notebook will be used as a reference guide for writing, which includes classwork and homework.

Parent Contact: Agenda, E-mail, Remind App, Letters, Phone Calls

Required Supplies: Highlighter, Pen, Pencils, Paper (a good amount in binder ELA Section throughout the year)

Supplies Needed In The Classroom: Kleenex, Disinfectant Spray, Disinfectant Wipes,

Late Work and Make-Up Work Procedure: Late work will be accepted one school day after the due date and assessed a penalty of 20 points per day after that. After 5 school days this assignment will be worth zero points and therefore cannot be made up at that time.

Homework: Homework will be assigned and used as a meaningful tool to reinforce what is being taught in the classroom and to allow parents/guardians to actively engage in their child's education.

General Expectations

Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be Responsible

Specific Expectations

Be prepared for class with all materials
Follow directions the first time given
Raise your hand before speaking or getting up
Follow all classroom and school procedures

Academic Dishonesty: Plagiarism, taking someone else's work and identifying it as your own, is not allowed. When this occurs, a parent will be contacted and the student will earn a zero. The student may earn a 55 if they acceptably complete the assignment within a week of parent contact.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____