

Course Syllabus: Grade 8 E.L.A.

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Welcome to Grade 8 Language Arts. I hope that each of us will be able to improve our skills in the area of reading and writing in the coming months.

There are a few things that I would like to mention. You are expected to bring the necessary supplies to class. These include 2 pens, a pencil, and a binder filled with paper

This course will help to build skills in reading and writing. We will be using the 6+1 Traits of writing system for our writing program. Each student will receive a full set of rubrics outlining the expectations in each of the traits.

During the year each student will be expected to read 10 books independently and pass an Accelerated Reading test for each. This reading program will be supplemented with further reading in class. Some of the books we will be reading in class are: Treasure Island, Crazy Man, and MacBeth.

The students work will be marked according to the following criteria:

Class work	50%
Major Projects	30%
Final Exam	20%

The following policy will be followed in regards to late assignments. A penalty of – 2% a day will be taken off every day to a maximum of 10%. After a total of two weeks the student will receive a mark of 0 in the project.

Any student who fails to hand in at least three assignments during a unit will be expected to complete a major make-up project.