

Course Outline

Dr. George Johnson Middle School
2008-2009 Grade 8 English Language Arts
Instructor: E. Kowalchuk

- **Main goal**

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view, and represent to explore thoughts, ideas, feelings and experiences.

- **Topics covered**

- September-October: Biographies
- November: True stories, Heroes
- December: Unusual phenomena
- January-February: Fantasy
- February-March: Modern lyrics
- April-May: Mystery
- June: Media and business writing

- **Evaluation**

- Daily work: (Spelling, Written Assignments, Book reports):45%
- Special projects and novel study: 35%
- Final exam: 20%

Notes

- Students are encouraged to read regularly as one book report will be expected once a month. An outline describing many options to report will be given to students. Books can be part of their personal collection, or borrowed from the class or the library. Furthermore, the accelerated reading program will be an integral part of our reading program.
- As part of the expectations stated by the Department of Education, emphasis in writing is put on the writing process and self correction. Therefore, rough drafts will be hand written and marked and part of the process. Please encourage your child to write a document by hand before getting to a computer as marks will be given for these rough drafts.
- As per the Evergreen School Division policy, late assignments will be accepted with a penalty of 2% a day to a maximum of 10% for each assignment.