

Class Introduction:

My class will cover all main areas of English/Language Arts including Reading, Language, and Writing. Each class period is approximately 80 minutes long; therefore, much cooperation is needed in order to cover all material. Students will participate in a variety of learning opportunities. *It will be up to each student to do his/her part in the learning process.*

Tentative Course Calendar

1 st 9 weeks:	<i>Inside Out and Back Again</i>
2 nd 9 weeks:	<i>To Kill A Mockingbird</i>
3 rd 9 weeks:	Focus: Test Preparation & Short Stories
4 th 9 weeks:	Anne Frank

ELA Standards may be found online at <https://www.tn.gov/education/instruction/academic-standards/english-language-arts-standards.html> Hard copies can be made available upon request.

Required Materials

- 1 ½ or 2 inch Three Ring Binder
 - Subject Dividers (at least 5)
 - Pencils, a red pen, and highlighters
 - Loose Leaf Notebook Paper
 - Optional USB Flash Drive
- Notebook Requirements: The class notebook will be your personal filing system for all class work. You are required to keep this notebook and it will be checked periodically. The notebook will be divided into five sections: 1) DGP/Grammar 2) Literature 3) Vocabulary 4) Writing 5) Quizzes/Tests.

Procedures:

- Students are expected to come to class prepared. So bring your notebook, pencils, textbooks, etc...
- Entering class...
 - Students are expected to sanitize their hands.
 - Students will be expected to check for or turn in assignments at the back table.
 - 1st period only---turn in cell phones. (Cell phones must be off.)
- During Class...
 - Students are expected to be **quiet** and **attentive** when the teacher is talking.
 - SLANT (**S**it up, **L**isten, **A**sk and answer questions, **N**od your head, **T**rack the speaker.)
 - Each student will be given four (4) breaks per nine weeks. (Dr.'s note required for medical conditions.)
 - Students are expected to follow directions the first time they are given.
- Leaving class...
 - Students should tidy up their workspace
 - Student should push in chairs upon dismissal.
- Students are responsible for any missed work due to absence(s).
- All students are expected to show respect and, in turn, respect will be given to them.
- 100% Compliance. All students will be held accountable for following classroom expectations.

Discipline Plan

I will be using the “3 strikes” policy as outlined in the “7th/8th Grade Welcome Letter” previously provided.

Grading

The student’s average will be determined by grades in the following areas:

- Participation
- Quizzes
- Tests*
- Class Projects*
- Homework
- Writing

*Advance notice will be given for these items.

All work will be assigned into one of three categories, homework, quizzes, and tests. The grading system is as follows:

Homework:	20 points	95-100	A
Quizzes:	100 points	86-94	B
Tests:	200 points	76-85	C
		70-75	D
		0-69	F

Computer Use

Computer time is at the teacher’s discretion. Any computer use that is inappropriate could result in a detention.

Academic Integrity

All students are expected to not only have good work ethic, but also to work with honesty and integrity. Students who engage in dishonest behavior as in cheating or plagiarizing will receive a grade of zero on the assignment. No exceptions.

What is cheating?

1. Receiving or providing information during a test or for a test given in an earlier period.
2. Using material on tests when the teacher has not given permission to do so.
3. Violating the teacher’s testing rules and procedures.
4. Using somebody else’s writing (word for word—or almost word for word) and saying it is your own. (Plagiarism). Or using somebody else’s ideas and saying they are your own and not giving credit.
5. Using or copying another student’s assignment to turn in as your own work.
6. Allowing other students to use your work on assignments-- with the exception of specific group, lab, or collaborative projects.

There are other actions that may be considered cheating or dishonesty. The above list contains the most common ones

****Final Note****

I reserve the right as the teacher to modify the syllabus at any time. Students and parents will be notified of any changes.