

8th Grade ELA

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8th Grade English Language Arts

Course Overview

Eighth grade students will study the English language arts standards of reading, writing, language, speaking, listening, and research skills needed to succeed in high school, college, and the workforce. With an emphasis on the close reading of complex texts, especially literary nonfiction, the ELA standards require all students to graduate ready to read and respond to the academic and technical texts they will encounter throughout their adult lives.

<http://www.tn.gov/education/article/english-language-arts-standards>

Required Text

Holt McDougal Literature: Grade 8

Holt Warriner's Handbook

ISBN: 978-0-547-61837-1 (Literature)

ISBN: 9780030990014 (Grammar)

Resources

We will use multiple fiction and nonfiction resources throughout the school year, and these will be provided to students as we cover them. We will practice formal writing skills about the texts we encounter in the classroom in the form of narrative, argumentative, and informational essays as well as extended and short responses. Speaking and listening skills, vocabulary, and grammar skills will also be addressed throughout the entire school year. The optional outside resources that will accomplish these goals are listed below. Please refer to the pacing guide for standards that will be covered and literary sources that might be analyzed. The pacing guide can be found on both the school and district websites.

Resources: Shurley, Holt, Flocabulary, Vocabulary in Context (Steck-Vaughn), noredink.com, frontrowed.com, Scholastic Scope Language Arts Magazine, TNCore Prompts, readworks.com, Newsela.com, and Close Reads.

Course Schedule

See attached pacing guide.

Additional Information:

Field trips, guest speakers, and major projects will be determined throughout the school year.

Tennessee Code: Title 49

<http://law.justia.com/codes/tennessee/2010/title-49/chapter-6/part-70/>