

8th Grade English Language Arts Course Disclosure

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Course Description: Welcome to 8th grade English Language Arts! All course work will focus on developing and mastering Language Arts skills as outlined in the Utah Core Standards.

Course Requirements: In this class, we will read, analyze, and interpret a wide variety of literature, short stories, and poetry. We will also work on various types of writing that include: argumentative writing, informational writing, and narrative writing. The core standards that will be addressed in this class include but are not limited to: reading, writing, language, and speaking and listening.

Required Materials:

- Reading book
- Folder/binder (safe place to keep assignments and notes)
- Pens/pencils

Course Grading: Students will receive a letter grade based on the district policy. Course grades consist of the following criteria: grade level competency of the standards taught, complete work, work turned in on time, etc. The grading scale goes as follows:

A 93-100%	A- 90-92%
B+ 87-89%	B 83-86%
B- 80-82%	C+ 77-79%
C 73-76%	C- 70-72%
D+ 67-69%	D 63-66%
D- 60-62%	F Below 60%

Course policies and procedures:

Absences: If a student is absent, it is the students responsibility to check Modules on Canvas.

Assignments: Assignments are worth 30% of the course grade. All grades will be posted through Canvas and Powerschool. Assignments will be turned in on paper or through Canvas.

Assessments: Assessments are worth 70% of the course grade. **Final assessments cannot be retaken for a better grade.**

Cell Phones: Cell phones are not allowed in school. Cell phones are to be left in the students locker. If Ms. Norton sees a cell phone out in class, the cell phone will be confiscated and taken to the office.

Choice Reading: Students are required to read a book of their choosing for the first 10 minutes of class. The goal of choice reading is to improve comprehension and vocabulary skills, build reading stamina, and learn to love reading again. Students receive a 20 point participation grade. If a student chooses not to read, they will be docked 2 points every class period. Reading participation points **cannot** be made up.

Grading: Assignments not turned in at the due date will receive 0 score. Zeros will stay in the gradebook until the assignment is turned in.

Late Work: All late work is subject to a late penalty of **-0.5** points per day. **Students may only turn in late work two weeks after the original due date.**

Student signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent signature: _____ **Date:** _____