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8th Grade English Syllabus

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Course Description:

EARJ's 8th Grade English consists of reading, writing, speaking, listening and word study. Through studying various literature genres, students learn and use reading strategies that help them analyze literature and become effective readers. Universal themes and/or essential questions help guide students toward understanding themselves and the world around them. Students use the writing process to compose various narratives, persuasive essays, compare/contrast, poetry, journal entries and reflection pieces. Grammar, vocabulary, and spelling are all infused in our exploration of effective reading and writing texts. Multiple opportunities to practice listening, reading aloud, and speaking skills are given throughout the year.

Materials (see website for photos):

- 1 Composition Notebook or Spiral Notebook
- 1½ - 3" 4 Ring Binder (EARJ binder)
- Pencil Pouch
- Black or Blue Pens
- Red Pens
- #2 Pencils or Mechanical Pencil
- Highlighters
- Sticky Pads
- 50 pages of loose leaf paper
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Colored Pencils, Pens, or Crayons
- Eraser
- Ruler
- Classroom Dictionary

Reading

Classroom novels will be selected from this tentative list. Titles may be added throughout the school year. Students will read these titles with the guidance of the teacher

1. *Bronx Masquerade* by Nikki Grimes
2. *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros
3. *Anne Frank Biography* by Melissa Mueller
4. *Devil's Arithmetic* by Jane Yolen
5. *Milkweed* by Jerry Spinelli
6. *Soldier Boys* by Dean Hughes
7. *Diary of Anne Frank* by Anne Frank
8. *The Wave* by Todd Strasser
9. *A Long Way Gone* by Ishmael Beah
10. *Animal Farm* by George Orwell
11. *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck
12. *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson
13. *Twisted* by Laurie Halse Anderson
14. *Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes* by Chris Crutcher
15. *The Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier

Writing

Writing assignments will be selected from this tentative list. Students will use the writing process to produce and publish a variety of types of writing.

- Extended Responses
- Presentations
- Expository
- Letters
- Research Paper
- Poems
- Autobiography
- Journal
- Bellringers
- Persuasive
- Entries and Classroom Notes

Grammar will be taught throughout the year in mini-lessons. Students will receive specific practice for grammar skills and it will be connected to their writing assignments listed above.

Vocabulary will include grammar terms, literature terms, words chosen from classroom novels, and words chosen from various reading materials.

Classroom Rules:

Consequences

In Class Behavior: "3 Strikes and You're Out"

- Warning #1: Name on Board
- Warning #2: Name with 1 Check, Parent contact
- Warning #3: Name with 2 Checks, Student removed from the classroom for a time out, conference with teacher, parent contacted.
- Warning #4: Name with 3 Checks, Student referral to the principal, phone call to parent, and behavior contract to correct situation.

Grading Scale:

Your grade will consist of the following categories:

Category	Percentage
Homework/Classwork	25%
Test/ Quizzes/Projects/Published Writing Assignments	75%

The following scale will be used for grading homework and classwork:

<u>Homework/Classwork</u>	
<u>Grading Scale</u>	
+	= 100% (A)
✓+	= 90% (A)
✓	= 80% (B)
OK	= 70% (C)
-	= 60% (F)
late	= 50% (F)
inc	= 0% (F)

The world we have created is a product of our thinking;
it cannot be changed without changing our thinking.

- Albert Einstein

If you realized how powerful your thoughts are,
you would never think a negative thought.

- Peace Pilgrim

Detail makes the difference between boring and terrific writing.
It's the difference between a pencil sketch and a lush oil painting.

As a writer, words are your paint. Use all the colors.

-Rhys Alexander

"No matter how busy you may think you are,
you must find time for reading,
or surrender yourself to self-chosen ignorance."

- Confucius

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Student and Parent Information**

Student Name

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Parent's Names (Dad/Mom)

Home Phone Number (Telefono Residencial)

Parents' Cell Number (Celular)

Student Email

Student Cell Number

Quizlet Registration

- All students are required to register online at www.quizlet.com.
- After you register online, write your username below and join your appropriate group, i.e. "EARJ Eng 4, EARJ Eng 5, EARJ Eng 6, EARJ Eng 7, and EARJ Eng 8"
- Your username must start with your last name, i.e. "sagareryan" or "sagarethewolf"
- To join the group search "Bronx Masquerade" pg. 1-27, click on the appropriate group, and join.

Quizlet Group Name:

Quizlet Username:

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date