

Syllabus

Welcome To Middle School English

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8th Grade ELA

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Goal: With an emphasis on literature, grammar, and writing, this class aims to empower student readers through an engaging approach. Students will learn to question, analyze, explain and argue their thinking through varied reading and writing practices.

Materials

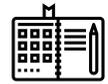
These are items that you will be using in class most days

- Sadlier Grammar Book**
- Student iPad:** You are expected to always have your charger with you, in case your battery gets low throughout the day.
- Student Binder**
- Composition Notebook**
- Writing utensils**



Tech Reminders

- You are expected to be on task. You are not allowed to use iPads inappropriately.
- Check for Daily Announcements / Upcoming Assignments **consistently**



Units

We will use a combination of novels, textbooks, online resources, and daily journals

Novels / Stories

- *The Time Machine* by H.G. Wells
- *Flipped* by Wendelin Van Draanen
- Short Stories

Textbooks & Daily Practices

- Sadlier Grammar Book
- HMH - Into Literature
- Daily Journals
- Independent Reading



Absences and Makeup Work

- If you are absent from class, YOU are responsible for getting and making up any missing work
 - **EXCUSED Absences** are the only absences that will be given makeup work. Unexcused absences **WILL NOT** be given makeup work.
 - See me during **FLEX - not during class** - to get help, ask questions about missing work, or make up tests/quizzes
 - You will have an extension equal to the days that you are absent to make up work



Late Work

- Late work will generally not be accepted. Extensions will be given to students who contact me **before** an assignment is due to request one, **dependent** on the request.
- Students have 3 days to submit late assignments with a mild penalty. After 3 days, students will receive a zero for the assignment

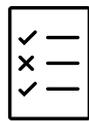
Procedures and Expectations

- **Be vigilant**
 - Turn in assignments on time
 - Check Plusportals / Showbie for daily tasks
- **Participate in class daily**
 - Work hard
 - Ask questions
 - Limit distractions (including with technology)
- **Be respectful and understanding of classmates and me**
 - Listen when others are speaking
 - Conduct yourself appropriately

Consequences

If a student chooses not to meet these expectations, the following consequences will be followed:

- Verbal Warning**
- Teacher Detention + Parent Contact**
- Administrative Referral**



Additional Policies

- **COME PREPARED** - You are expected to come to class prepared, every day. You will not be allowed to go to your lockers during class time.
- **STAY ON TASK** - It cannot be repeated enough. Inappropriate usage of iPads/misbehavior takes away precious learning time. Be mindful of your actions.
- **FOOD/DRINKS** - You are allowed to have your water bottle with you. Snacks are not allowed in class. You may have snacks or drinks during your recess time or at lunch.
 - You may not go to the vending machine before class.



Plagiarism

- **Just don't. Seriously.**
- I expect your work to be original, and plagiarism will not be tolerated under any circumstances
- You will receive a zero for any assignments that are plagiarized, a write up, and a parent contact.

Is it plagiarism? A quiz:

- Did you, at any point, copy and paste it from the internet?
 - A: Yes.**
- Is it someone else's ideas that you reworded?
 - A: Yes.**
- Did you take another student's work and reword it?
 - A: Yes**

