

**8th Grade
Curriculum Meeting
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Reading

Focus on theme, character development, and literary analysis

Novels

- *The Pearl* – John Steinbeck
- *The Giver* – Lois Lowry
- *Frankenstein* – Mary Shelley
- *Animal Farm* – George Orwell
- *To Kill a Mockingbird* – Harper Lee
- *Night* – Elie Wiesel

Short Stories

- Edgar Allen Poe
- Flannery O'Connor
- Ray Bradbury
- Charlotte Perkins Gilman
- Ernest Hemingway
- Others

Assignments: Most novels will require some at-home reading along with questions to answer at length. There will be a longer written assignment at the end of each book that will be done mostly in class.

Projects

First Trimester: Read a book of your own choosing, complete worksheets, present the book to the class at the end of the trimester to explain the theme and why their classmates should read the book.

Second Trimester: Read a biography (at least two hundred pages, about a person born at least 100 years ago). Complete worksheets, present to the class in the form of a Google Slides presentation by the end of the trimester.

Third Trimester: Read a “classic” novel. Complete worksheets, write a five paragraph paper about the theme, and create a physical component to go along with it.

ELA

- Writing, writing, and more writing
- Writing warm ups every day
- Longer writing projects will include:
 - Personal narrative
 - Fictional narrative
 - Persuasive essay
 - Informational essay
 - Business letter
 - Literary Analysis
- Will also review grammar and sentence structure throughout the year

Vocabulary

- We will go through one vocabulary unit every two weeks.

Week One:

Monday: Introduce 5 words

Tuesday: Introduce 5 words

Wednesday: Introduce 5 words

Thursday: Introduce 5 words

Friday: sentences due on Google Classroom & Choosing the Right Word done in class.

Week Two:

Monday: Synonyms & Antonyms for HW

Tuesday: Completing the Sentence for HW

Wednesday: Review and Practice

Thursday: Review and Practice

Friday: Test

Religion

- Textbook:
 - The Ten Commandments
 - Church History
 - Councils, Popes, Crusades, Reformation
 - Living as a Christian today
- Bible reading and reflection every day
- Focus on saints
 - Saint research project
- Theology of the Body - after Christmas

Grading

Points based system: total number of points earned divided by total number of points possible.

- Homework: 10-20 points
- Warm up writing: 5-10 points
- Quizzes: 10-20 points
- Tests: 40-50 points
- Projects: 100-200 points (in stages)
- Pop quizzes: 5-10 points
- 5 points extra credit on most tests

Some Policies

- Late Work: let me know in advance and I will give extra time as needed
- I do not give extra credit or make up tests.
- Plagiarism: zero tolerance

Contact

Please contact me with any questions or concerns!

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You can also call the school at 771-5220 ext. 226 and leave a message.