

1st hour - 8th Grade English

Mrs. Turner

Course Description:

This course will target students' growth in the areas of reading, writing, listening, speaking, discussion, reflection, and viewing. Reading strategies, critical thinking skills, and vocabulary building comprise the main elements of reading instructions. Through fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and historical reading. Students will practice reading strategies and comprehension skills. The focus of writing will be on narrative, informational, argumentative, and research writing. The overall goal of the class is to increase the literacy and writing ability of students.

StudySync:

Unit 1: Everyone loves a Mystery: Edgar Allenn Poe, Walter Dean Myers, Alfred Hitchcock, Nellie Bly, Shirley Jackson, Rudolph Fisher, W.W. Jacobs

Unit 2: Beyond Reality: Emily Dickinson, Swin Cash, Naomi Sepsis, S.E. Hinton, Yousef Komunyakaa, Judith Ortiz Cofer, Thanhha Lai, Natasha Trethewey, Robert Frost, Sandra Cisneros

Unit 3: No Risk, No Reward: Anya Groner, Walter Lard, Ronald Reagan, Nina Gregory, Langston Hughes, Watkins Harper, Frederick Douglas, Thomas Ponce, Jack London, Mahvash Sobet

Unit 4: Hear Me Out: Ehud Luvski and Yael Nathan, Sojourner's Truth, Irene Hunt, James Weldon Johnson, Cornelia Hancock, Abraham Lincoln, Mark twain, Rachel Dewaskin

Unit 5: Trying Times: Lucy Wang, Anne Frank, Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, Eleanor Ayer, Winston Churchill, J Wakatsuki Houston and James Houston, Elie Weisel, Alan Gratz, Claude McKay, Ekath Easwaran, Nelson Mandela

Unit 6: Past and Present:Ekaterina Sadia, Susan Cooper, Sara Teasdale, Ray Bradbury, HG Wells, Randall Munroe, Derrick Harrell, The United Nations Commission on Human Rights, Tomi Adeyemi

Grading: Students will be graded on class participation, their understanding and completion of note taking, class assignments, quizzes, tests, and writing assignments.

Classwork 40% Test 30%, Quizzes 20%, Daily Notes 10%

-Notes can be submitted thru Google classroom or on a notebook sheet of paper.

**Students are responsible for keeping all notes in chronological order by date and with the lesson title located in the top right corner of the paper.

**If the student does not come to class prepared with their chromebook charged and ready for class 30 percent will automatically be deducted from that days class assignment.

Classwork: Students will be informed of the due date for an assignment at the time it is given. The majority of a student's work is to be completed in pencil unless otherwise instructed by the instructor. All assignments must contain the student's name, date, title of lesson in the top right corner of the page.

Quizzes and Test: Quizzes will not always be announced. Tests on the other hand will be announced and discussed daily leading up to the test date. Typically, there will NOT be a pre test or pre quiz in the days leading up to a test.

Participation: All students will be expected to participate in daily class discussions or open ended question answer sessions. As always students will be expected to cooperate and encourage other students in our class during any class projects.

Absences: It is the responsibility of the student to obtain and complete any lessons from days missed through Google Classroom. The student must continue to Each student is expected to annotate, develop questions over designated English/Language Arts assignment. use contextual, textual evidence, and explicit evidence as well as cite when supporting written answers for any missed assignments.