

8th Grade ELA

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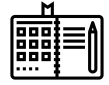
Welcome to 8th grade ELA! This is my second year at MPMS. I graduated from UNC Charlotte in 2020 with a degree in Communication Studies and am currently finishing up my teaching certification. Reading and writing are two of my favorite things. My hope is that this year you will be challenged in both of these areas to prepare you for high school and beyond!



Supplies

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

- Composition Book:** You will need two composition books for the year. We will use this book daily
- Pencils/Pens**
- Folder with Pockets**
- Post-It Notes**
- Independent Reading Book**



Units

Any unit activities/readings are subject to change. Please see Canvas for the most up-to-date information.

- Units 1/2
 - ◆ Class Intro/Basic Review of Fiction and Memoir writing
- Unit 3
 - ◆ Analytical Reading
- Units 4-5
 - ◆ Complex Fiction
 - ◆ Literary Analysis Writing
- Unit 6-8
 - ◆ Nonfiction
 - ◆ Informational Text/Research
- Unit 9
 - ◆ EOG Prep/High School Preparation



Tech Reminders

- Charge Chromebooks nightly
 - Bring your charger to school!
- Check Canvas frequently
- Check PowerSchool frequently



Absences and Makeup Work



- If you are absent from class, YOU are responsible for getting and making up any missing work.
 - ◆ You have **five** days from date of return to turn in makeup work.
 - ◆ I will have any **paper** assignments in the folders at the front of my room. It is your responsibility to get these papers.
 - ◆ Any **electronic work/assignments** will be in Canvas.

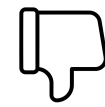
Late Work

- I take most work up until the end of the quarter. This **does not** mean that you can wait to complete your assignments until the last minute.
- I do set hard deadlines on **some** assignments (you will be told when assignment is given) including:
 - ◆ Book reports
 - ◆ Essays
 - ◆ Reading Logs



Procedures and Expectations

- **Be prepared**
 - Turn in assignments on time
 - Check Canvas/PowerSchool
- **Participate in class daily**
 - Work hard and challenge yourself!
 - Ask questions
 - Limit distractions (*including with technology*)
- **Be respectful and understanding of classmates and me**
 - Listen when others are speaking
 - Conduct yourself appropriately

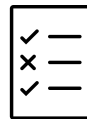



Consequences

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

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

Additional Policies



- **NO PHONES** - Everything needed for class is accessible on your Chromebooks. Phones are **not permitted** for use in class, and should be kept in your locker at all times.
 - If the phone is being used, **it will be taken.**
 - Airpods and smartwatches are not to be used during school hours. These are best kept in your locker.
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- **Food/Drinks** - You may have **water** at your desk. Any other drinks/food needs to stay in your lunchbox/locker and only be eaten at lunch unless it is a special circumstance.
 - **Grading** - I use a point system for my assignments.
 - **5- 10** points for quick checks/homework
 - **15-20** points for classwork/quizzes
 - **30 points and up** for small to big projects and essays



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 failing grade 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**