

# Grade 7/8 English Language Arts Course Outline

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Course Length: Full Year

## **Required Materials:**

- novel
- interactive notebook
- journal
- binder
- looseleaf
- pen/pencil/eraser
- colouring materials

## **Course Overview:**

This year, our class will be focusing on reading comprehension and expository writing. One of the division goals is to increase the writing skills of all students. We will be doing a variety of tasks in class to help develop these skills. We will begin the year by looking at the elements of literacy, and then look at specifics of writing. As a class, we will complete some book clubs through the year as well as spend time reading individually. Students will be asked to complete independent writing tasks, ranging from journal entries, responses to essays.

## **Expectations:**

Students will be expected to try their best at these tasks every day. The first 20-30 minutes of each ELA class will be spent silent reading or writing on a specific topic. Students will need to bring all required materials to class, including a novel, notebooks, binder, writing utensils and art supplies. Students will also be expected to complete writing tasks in other subjects to build their cross curricular skills.

## **Assessment:**

If an assignment is not handed in by the given deadline, work will be marked as Incomplete. Students may turn in their work after this with no penalty to their mark, but until this time their overall grade may be inaccurate due to any incompletes. If work is not handed in by the end of a reporting period, their mark will show this. If work is missing or late without an explanation, students may have to forfeit time on their lunch hours to complete the work. If work is repeatedly missing or incomplete, parents will be contacted.

- Book reviews
- Novel studies/book clubs
- Journal
- Writing tasks
- Interactive notebooks