

GRADE 8

syllabus

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San Benancio Middle School

IN THIS CLASS YOU WILL...

- Read, write, and think at a high level on a daily basis.
- Stay organized by keeping an up to date agenda and notebook.
- Participate in class discussions and collaborate with peers.
- Learn why the components of plot are important and how to connect them to your own lives

WHAT WE WILL READ THIS YEAR

THE OUTSIDERS-S.E HINTON
TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD-HARPER LEE
ANNE FRANK
POSSIBLY:

HIDDEN FIGURES BY MARGOT SHETTERLY
PLUS POETRY, SHORT STORIES, AND ARTICLES
BOOK REPORTS ARE ALSO EVERY TRIMESTER

A note to remember

*"You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes. You
can steer yourself any direction
you choose."
-Dr. Seuss*

SUPPLIES

REQUIRED:	OPTIONAL:
Pen and/pencil	Glue Stick
Notebook	Colored Pencils
Agenda	Notecards
Highlighters	

REQUIRED Materials Check Date:
Tuesday, August 15th 2023

COMMUNICATION

PARENT SQUARE:

Great way for parents to communicate with me.
Please notify myself and the office if your student is going to be absent.

SCHOOLWISE:

Stay up to date with your grades here!
Please do not message through Schoolwise. I do not check these messages are regularly.

Email:

Students are expected to email/ communicate with me in regards to absences or work even if their parent does so.
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GRADING

Notebooks-20%
Attendance/Participation/Agenda-20%
Assessments-30%
Assignments-30%

I accept work that is neat and complete. An assignment is considered complete when all requirements for the assignment have been met. It is your responsibility to check Schoolwise for any missing assignments. Late work will be accepted for half credit (50%) IF the work is during in during our current novel study.

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Mrs Whent's Policies and Procedures

PREPARING FOR CLASS

- You are expected to be in your seat when the bell rings with all materials for the day out and ready to go!
- Read the daily slide posted on the board
- Write in your agenda the assignment or homework for the day and the due date.
- You are to be in your seat when the bell rings; not running through the door.
- Attendance and Participation grade is based on these procedures.
- We work until the last 5 minutes of class. This allows for turning in assignments, checking for comprehension, and finishing presentations. Please do not pack up early and there is no lining up by the door before the bell.

CHEATING AND PLAGIARISM

There is **zero tolerance** for cheating and plagiarism. Any students caught plagiarizing or cheating will be sent to the office, made known to other teachers, and also having their parent/guardian notified. Additionally they will receive a 0 on the assignment and lose all points for that day. This offense takes away the opportunity for successful citizenship grade as well as making the honor roll.

LATE WORK POLICY

Late work is accepted-- However, after the due date and time it will be automatically 50% off full points. No late work will be accepted once a novel unit is completed. If something comes up to prevent you from turning in an assignment in on time you **MUST** communicate with Mrs. Whent as to why **BEFORE** the due date. Please, students, communicate with me. I understand things happen.

EXTRA CREDIT

I love extra credit! It is a great way to get some extra learning in that is not part of the initial curriculum. There will be a set of extra credit points offered for each unit, however, all work for that unit must be turned in to be qualify to participate in the extra credit. Extra credit is not there to make up for missed assignments.

TECHNOLOGY

No cell phones in class. If you have a smart watch it is to be turned on silent/off and to not be used during school time. Why? Cell phones are a distraction to you and your classmates learning.

The use of technology in class is a privilege and if it disrupts the learning environment it is subject to being confiscated and the student will be given an alternative, on paper assignment, or it may be taken to the office for parent pickup.

RESPECT

My goal for our classroom is that everyone to feel respected and welcome. I aim to show my students the utmost respect and expect the same. Respect is earned and trusted, so please don't disrespect others in our classroom. I encourage my students to listen and understand different perspectives.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I acknowledge that I have read through the policies and procedures.
I understand the importance of these policies and procedures and agree to follow them to the best of my ability.

Student Signature

Date Signed

Parent Signature