

Welcome to 8th Grade English Language Arts

Goals of 8th Grade English Language Arts

- To improve the ability to read critically, make interpretive connections, share ideas and solve problems through collaboration
- To improve writing skills through informal responses, essays and creative pieces
- To improve communication skills through formal and informal speeches, class discussions, debates and presentations
- To increase awareness of language and expand vocabulary

Class Resources

- **Current Events and Internet Articles**
- **Google Classroom** - Online resource where students can access course work and materials
- **No Red Ink** - Online Grammar-Based program designed to support writing
- **Study Island** - Online resource designed to promote reading and writing growth
- **ThinkCerca** - Online writing resource designed to support literary reading and writing skills
- **Collins Writing** - Writing exercises and e journals will be used throughout class to comment, discuss, and/or reflect on class readings.

Course Requirements

- **20 % *In-Class/At-Home Participation*** - Students are expected to contribute to the best of their ability and complete assignments in a timely manner.
- **80% *Assessments and Performance Tasks*** - Quizzes and Tests will be announced in advance and may be accompanied by a study guide.

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