

## Mayer Middle School

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### **8<sup>th</sup> grade ELA and 8th grade Advanced ELA**

#### Course Description:

This course will integrate speaking, listening, reading, and writing as a dynamic, interactive process. Students will read a variety of literary genres, develop critical thinking skills, and continue to improve their writing ability through the use of the writing process.

#### Grading Policy:

Grades are compiled from projects, focus areas, class discussions, and class activities. Grades are tabulated in the PLP (Summit Learning Platform) as followed:

#### Projects 80%

- Grading based on cognitive skills scores.
- Only the highest grade in each cognitive skill area is counted in the final grade.
- Cognitive skills assessed more frequently count for more in the final cognitive skill grade.

#### Focus Areas 14%

- Power Focus Areas are the core content that we expect every student to learn before completing a course to be college ready.
  - Students must pass ALL Power Focus Areas to pass a course.

#### Additional Focus Areas 6%

- To deepen one's knowledge and improve their grades, students are encouraged to learn the concepts in Additional and/or Challenge Focus Areas.
  - Additional Focus Areas are NOT required to complete a course, but they count towards a student's final grade.
  - Challenge Focus Areas do NOT count towards a student's grade.

These grades will fall in the following range:

- 90% and up is an A
- 80% and up is a B
- 70% and up is a C
- Below 70% is an incomplete

#### Novel Reading:

You will be required to read a set number of pages each quarter. Those pages can be from any book of your choice, as long as you have not read it before, it is not a movie, and it is at or above your appropriate reading level. Once finished with a book, you will conference with the teacher and log the pages in your reading folder, which is kept IN CLASS.

#### Classroom Requirement Policy:

Students need to be prepared and ready to learn. The proper materials must be brought to class daily. A pencil/pen, paper/notebook is needed EVERYDAY, as well as your computer. Only bringing your computer to class and no other materials is not acceptable.

#### Materials Needed:

- spiral notebook or something similar to serve as a writer's notebook  
(note: this must NOT be used for any other subject)
- pencils and pens (blue or black only)
- oodles of notebook paper
- folder/binder to hold your work
- highlighters (these will be used periodically)
- charged computer

#### Textbook Policy:

Students will be using various textbooks and novels throughout the year. The student is responsible for the condition and return of the textbook or novel assigned to him/her. If lost or damaged, the student will be charged the cost of a new replacement book. Students will also be asked to use the school and public libraries to do research throughout the year.

#### Behavior Policy:

Students are to behave according to the Mayer Middle School Rules as described in the student handbook, as well as our classroom rules. Students are expected to be respectful to each other as well as teachers and staff at all times. Phones and bookbags are to be put away in your locker, and earbuds should only be used when you are directed to do so. No food or drink is allowed, other than water bottles. No hoods or hats.

- ★ First infraction – warning
- ★ Second infraction – warning, could merit a phone call/email home
- ★ Third infraction – detention/referral to office
- ★ Fourth infraction – parent meeting

#### Tardy Policy (per student handbook):

- **Tardy to Class / per Quarter**
  - 1 = Tardy Verbal warning
  - 2 = Tardy teacher detention/parent contact
  - 3 = Tardy teacher detention/parent contact
  - 4 = Tardy and above office referral

#### Deadline Policy

- Projects must be submitted BY THE PLATFORM DUE DATE.
- In order to submit the Final Products, all checkpoints in the project need to be GREEN or YELLOW.
- You must use class time wisely in order to follow the correct pace to meet the deadline of the project
- If you miss the deadline, you have 1 week to communicate with the teacher and make arrangements to get the work done, either in office hours or what is deemed appropriate.
- Once a quarter has passed, you may not submit any late work for previous projects.

#### Note from Mrs. Frygier..

Your best bet is to do the work assigned and ask questions if you need more clarification. If you need help, try to see me during office hours, so I may spend more time with you. If you know you are going to be absent, I'll try to get the work to you as soon as possible. All work will be posted to Google Classroom and the PLP. Have a positive attitude and you will be successful!