

8th Grade Literature Class
Ms. Krieger 2010 – 2011 School Year

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

● **You will need:**

- You need a literature binder/folder or a _____ of your language arts binder to keep track of your literature worksheets
- You need loose leaf, college rule paper, NOT WIDE RULE.
- You need pencils – **PENS ARE NOT ALLOWED!**
- A dictionary and a thesaurus for home use

CURRICULUM

- Students will apply reading strategies to _____ grade-level text.
– A proficient student will be able to read and analyze a piece of literature and apply literary elements to comprehend main idea and theme. *State Standards (8.1.6)*
- Students will analyze literary elements, figurative language, and characterization found in a work of fiction. Students will demonstrate their knowledge through class _____, oral presentations, and written works. *State Standards (8.1.4, 8.1.5, 8.1.6, 8.3.1, 8.4.1)*

We will do:

- Literary Terms and Concepts Unit
- Novel Unit
- Story Elements Unit

GRADING POLICY

- You will have two types of grades: Formative Assessments and Summative Assessments.
- **Formative Assessments** are those assignments (mostly homework and class work) that I use as a teacher to check for understanding. Formative Assessments must be completed to show a mastery grade. This is 80% or higher. Any assignment that does not show mastery will be _____ or redone until mastery is shown. **Formative grades are 30% of your total grade.**
- **Summative Assessments** are those grades taken after a period of time or unit to show learning, such as quizzes, tests, projects, and papers. If mastery is not shown on these assessments, you must _____ to show mastery. **Summative Assessments are 70% of your total grade.**
- **The one exception to the retake rule is as followed:** During the Novel Unit, the periodic spot check reading quizzes cannot be retaken. The grade you earn the first time around is the grade that will be recorded. This ensures that the student keeps up with the _____ reading for the class. Each student will be given ample notification for the reading quizzes. There will be no pop quiz given in this class.

PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING POLICY

- The literature class will follow the same expectations in regards to cheating and plagiarism.
- Group assignments are the only assignments you may work on with partners.
– I will specifically let you know when assignments are group assignments.

- Quia expectations are the same for tests and quizzes.

CLASSROOM PROCEDURES

- The literature class will follow the same classroom procedures and have the same classroom expectations as the language arts class.

NOVEL UNIT

You will be checked out a book for the novel unit. This book will need to be brought every day of class during the unit. You are responsible for keeping the novel in good condition. If you lose or damage the book, you are responsible for replacing the book at replacement cost.

Directions: Please review the classroom expectations. A parent and the student will need to sign this page stating that the rules and expectations for the school year are clear. This sheet will need to be returned to me by

_____.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please review and discuss with your student the literature class packet and my expectations for the class and school year. Your student is responsible for knowing and understanding all of the information contained within it. He/She will be held up to the standards that we have discussed in the PowerPoint. If you have any questions about anything contained within this packet, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience. Please keep the packet and information sheets as a resource during the school year. You may also view the PowerPoint at any time on my website. It is under the Parent's Corner tab.

About every week during the school year, I email parents a class schedule. This email updates the parents about what we are doing in literature class, what assignments are given each day, and when homework is due. This email update will be different than the Language Arts Update sent each week. The separate email will be because I only have about the fourth of the students each quarter. Once the quarter has been completed, you will no longer receive the Literature Class Updates. At any time during the quarter, you can opt into or out of this email update. Just let me know. I strive to keep parents informed about what is happening in class. The Literature Class Update is one way I do this. If you are interested, please fill out the email section of this return sheet. I will add your email to the list. Please also remember that if your email changes during the school year, I will need to know that to keep your email up-to-date. Students, if you want to be added to this list, just give me your email too.

Please check out my teacher website. This website is an excellent tool for your student during the quarter of Literature. He/She can find copies of all the class work on the site. Now there is no need to run back and get a forgotten or lost worksheet. You can just print out another copy at home. This website also gives

you, the parent, some explanations on the district writing method and unit information. All of the Literature Class work is under the Literature tab on my school website. Quia is also an excellent web site to check out. Students can use Quia to help study novel vocabulary, and help prepare for tests and quizzes.

One of my teacher goals is to keep parents/guardians informed about what is happening in class and with your student academically. I understand that not all students are forthcoming with information about school. I email with concerns, low quiz grades, and messages about upcoming tests. I like to use email because it is a quick way to contact parents. I cannot always talk on the phone, especially when students are in the classroom. I will also mail information out, but there is the delay. Please let me know your email if you have one so that we can keep in touch with academic information during the school year.

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- I understand the rules and expectations for Ms. Krieger's literature class.
- I understand the grading policy and the EXCEPTIONS to the grading policy for the literature class.
- I understand my student is responsible for the checked out novel assigned to him/her.
- I want to be on the weekly email Literature Class Updates.

(Student signature)

(date)

(parent signature)

(date)