

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

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

•**You will need:**

- You need a literature binder/folder or a section 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 comprehend 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 discussion, 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 corrected 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 retake 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 required 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.