

English 8
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Course Overview

This course aims to improve student reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills through a combination of reading strategies and writing instruction with grade-level curriculum. Students in 8th grade will experience literature and informational texts designed in a way for learners to engage with a variety of topics and texts. This environment will be created through formats including shared readings, paired readings, individual work, group work, and presentations. All lessons, units, and class activities have been designed in accordance with the New York State Next Generation Standards.



Classroom Procedures & Expectations

- Be prepared. You are expected to come to class prepared and with required materials.
- Be polite. Cooperation and compromise are key to successful group work even if you don't get along with your group members. Rudeness toward a classmate, a visitor, a substitute, or the teacher will not be tolerated. There will be consequences.
- Be prompt. Class begins when the bell rings. You will be given a daily grade for class participation and preparedness; therefore, attendance counts. If you are going to be late, get a pass.
- Just as your time is valuable, so is mine. Please hand work in on time.
- Be ready to participate and be productive. Participate in all class activities 2-3 times a day. Keep comments and discussion on-task and school-appropriate. Be attentive, help others, and always do your best.
- Be patient. Have patience with technology, each other, and your school officials. Everyone is doing their best.



Homework Policy

Homework is due at the beginning of each class. Late work is not accepted. If you are absent on the day homework is due, you have until the next class day to hand in that work. If you choose not to do it, a zero will be given.



Electronics Policy

No personal electronics or headphones unless permitted by the teacher. The only electronic device allowed during the class period is your school-issued computer. All other electronic devices not being used for schoolwork should not be visible or in use.



Grading Policy

As per the Morris Central School Student Handbook, final grades each quarter will be based on student average for work in two categories:

Tests = 60%

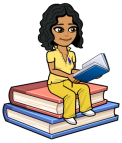
Homework = 40%

Tests and Quizzes include written essays. All other work and work completed in class will fall under the Homework heading; this would also include class participation. Participation is a required part of this class. Any work not completed and turned in will receive a zero.



Academic Dishonesty and Plagiarism Plagiarism and cheating will not be tolerated.

Your work is expected to be your own. No copying from others or pasting answers from the Internet. Students who plagiarize will be assigned a zero. Per the Student Handbook, students who commit plagiarism using materials while on school computers are in violation of our Acceptable Use Policy and are subject to having their in-school access suspended.



Contact

If you have any questions, please contact me. I can be reached via email at cmackey@morriscsd.org or by phone (607) 263-6100. My preferred method of contact is email, and I will always try to answer your questions within 24 hours.