



8th Grade Language Arts Course Syllabus 2018-2019

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Course Description

Hephzibah Middle School's Language Arts course encompasses a large curriculum. All of the standards included in the curriculum serve as a foundation for the student's study of modern and classic literature, vocabulary, writing and grammar.

Instructional Philosophy

Individuals learn in individual ways. The "ah-ha" moment of understanding is different for each individual. For these reasons, I will work patiently with students to help them achieve the "ah-ha" moments.

Learning Philosophy

Every individual is able to learn. This occurs at different times and in different ways depending on the individual. Learning requires patience, persistence, and perspiration.

Course Outline

Unit 1: August 6-24 Getting to Know You Speaking and Listening Strategies

Unit 2: August 27-October 12 Reading = Literary Reading Strategies; Writing Genre = Narrative

Unit 3: October 22-December 14 Reading = Informational Reading Strategies; Writing Genre = Informative

Unit 4: January 7-March 8 Reading = Informational Reading Strategies; Writing Genre = Argumentative

Unit 5: March 18-May 10 Reading = Literary Reading Strategies; Writing Genre = Teacher's Choice

Evaluation

Summative Assessments	50% Assessments, Test, Projects, Essays
Formative Assessments	50% Class work, Quizzes, TOTD, Graphic
Organizers	

Classroom Rules and Expectations

*No cellular phones.



*Behave in a manner that reflects the good and appropriate behaviors you have been taught at home.

*Be on time.

*Come to class daily with your belongings, supplies, and assignments.

*Learn the material that is taught to you.

*Raise your hand and wait to be acknowledged before you share.

Supplies

*Ear phones or ear buds

*One-subject Spiral Notebooks (two used at a time - one for notes, one for daily warm-ups)

*Blue or black ink pen

Homework

When given, students are expected to complete all parts of the assignment and have it prepared to submit on the due date.

Tutoring Available

Tutoring will be available Tuesday after school from 2:35 - 3:30. Students are to be picked up promptly.

Remind App

Sign up for reminders and notifications for this class by text message: enter this number **81010** and text this **@kbbh9g**

Contact Information

Mrs. C. Rogers: Phone: 706-592-4534

Email: woodach@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us

Planning time: 12:40 to 2:30

Web page: www.rcboe.org/hms

*Please check web page regularly for class assignments and announcements.

Make sure you keep up with Parent Portal to view your child's progress in class.

Keep this in your notebook and return the signature sheet.

Conferences: In order to schedule a conference with your teachers, please contact the Homeroom Teacher.



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By signing below, we acknowledge that we have read and understand the Course Syllabus for 8th Language Arts 2017-2018.

Student Name _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Cell Phone Number _____

Parent e-mail Address _____

Return this sheet to Mrs. Rogers and keep the syllabus in your notebook.

