**8th Grade English Language Arts – Syllabus (2025–2026)**

**Course Overview:**
This course builds proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language use. Aligned with Georgia’s K–12 ELA Standards, students will engage with diverse texts and create original works.

**Objectives:**
Students will:

* Analyze complex texts across genres
* Write and present effectively
* Participate in evidence-based discussions
* Apply grammar and expand vocabulary
* Use digital tools for learning
* Conduct research and evaluate sources
* Connect reading, writing, speaking, and creating

**Required Materials:**

* Pencils
* Loose Leaf Paper
* 1-inch Binder
* Colored Pencils/Markers/Crayons

**Grading Breakdown:**

* **Minor Grades (60%)**: Classwork, Quizzes, Homework
* **Major Grades (40%)**: Tests, Projects, Assessments

**Late & Make-Up Work:**

* Late work accepted and will be based on the assignment.
* Make-up work allowed for excused absences; students have 2 class days per absence to submit work

**Class Expectations:**

* **Be Productive** – Stay focused and follow directions
* **Be Prompt** – Arrive on time, ready to work
* **Be Prepared** – Bring materials and completed assignments
* **Be Positive-** Maintain a positive attitude, collaborate respectfully, and avoid negativity in words and actions.
* **Be Polite** – Show respect and maintain personal space

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