

Eighth Grade Language Arts Materials

1. Three-Ring Binder

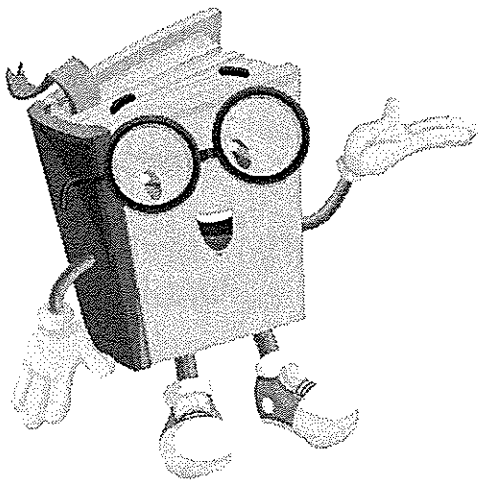
Please have a three-ring binder; preferably the rings should be 2 inches in size. The binder will be used to house materials which cannot be provided on the Chromebook.

2. Dividers

Four dividers will be required. You will maintain sections for: grammar, reading notes, writing notes, and corrected papers. The table of contents for each section will be available via a classroom poster, my website, and Google classroom.

3. Independent Reading Novel

You will need to bring a novel or nonfiction book to class. I maintain a classroom library which is comprised of realistic fiction, science fiction, historical fiction, fantasy, poetry, and nonfiction. In addition, you may travel to the school library in the course of the day. I also suggest you familiarize yourself with the public library and take advantage of the books offered there.



4. Writing Utensils

Although you will have access to the Chromebook, there may be class activities which require you to use pens, pencils, color pencils, and highlighters. I also recommend a small pencil bag that clips into your binder.

5. Post-its

Often times we want to make note of figurative language or some aspect of author's craft in a text. The post-its allow us to do so when reading mentor novels.

Classroom Expectations

Classroom Rules

1. All school rules apply in the LA classrooms - ROCKS.
2. Be on time, in your seat, and working quietly to maximize our class time.
3. Be respectful to every person in the room in order to create a comfortable learning environment.
4. Complete homework when assigned to be prepared for class.
5. Speak only at appropriate times and in appropriate ways.
6. Leave your seat only when it is appropriate to do so.

Citizenship and Cooperation

We do take notice of those who participate in class discussions and those who demonstrate appropriate classroom behavior. This will be reflected in the comments on your report cards and progress reports. A phone call home and detention will be assigned in response to behavior issues.

Cheating

If you are caught cheating in class you will receive a grade of 0 for the assignment. The rule also applies to plagiarism.

Some advice from the class of 2022

- ★ "In eighth grade L.A. you must do your homework or else you will fall behind. Since eighth grade is a faster pace, once you are behind it is hard to catch-up."
- ★ "Time management is key; you won't have a lot of work daily if you manage your time."
- ★ "Write your homework down and do it first when you get home."
- ★ "Be organized because every paper she gives you will help you throughout the year."
- ★ "Mrs. Wilson takes late work. You should take advantage of that opportunity."
- ★ "Be sure when there are the quarterly readings not to wait until the last minute to complete your book."
- ★ "When completing an essay, use the notes in your binder."