

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

# English Language Arts

with Mrs. Bode

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course objectives

In eighth grade English Language Arts students will grow as readers, writers, speakers, and listeners. They will develop the habits, confidence, and adaptability to collaborate, reflect, and take risks as positive members of their community. These are skills that will serve them in high school, outside of school, and in an unknown future.

## GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Students will use Google Classroom to access and turn in most of their assignments for ELA as well as access the **team Google Calendar** for assignment reminders.

## EXTRA CREDIT

Extra credit is **not** offered in Adams 12.

## COMMUNICATION

This year we are using a new 2-way communication app called Apptegy. Announcements about class will come through that app. You can direct message Mrs. Bode through the app, or if you prefer email, that is always an option. She will respond using the same platform within 24 hours.

## INFINITE CAMPUS

It is your responsibility to check IC for your current grade.

## OFFICE HOURS

Mrs. Bode is available for before/after school help by appointment.

## RETAKE POLICY

All assignments that do not meet the standard are eligible for a retake/redo. Students will schedule a time after school with Mrs. Bode to do any corrections.

## GRADING SCALE

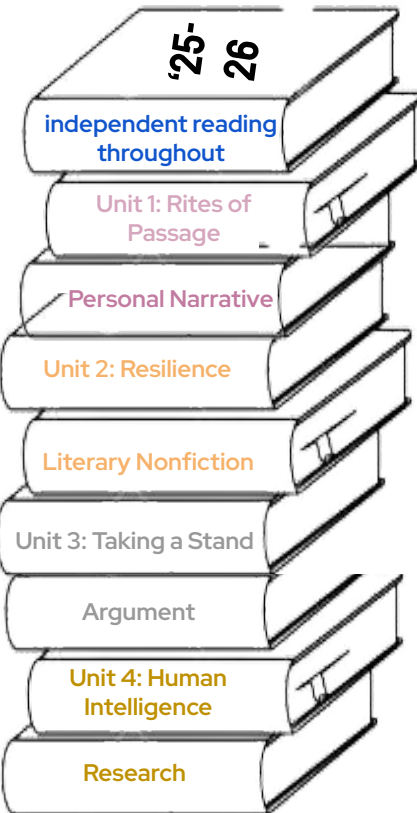
**A (89.5-100%)**= Demonstrates mastery of the standard  
**B (79.5-89%)** =Meets the standard  
**C (69.5-79%)** =Approaching the standard  
**D (59.5-69%)** = Below standard  
**F (<59%)** = Insufficient Data to determine a grade

HW

Students should be reading from a book of their choice for a *minimum* of twenty *consecutive* minutes *every night*. Occasionally, they will need to finish what's started in class as homework.

FILM

Films, or clips of films, will be shown in this class from time to time, as it enhances the curriculum.



## SUPPLIES EACH DAY

- Composition notebook
- Binder
- Independent reading book
- Writing utensil
- Chromebook

**"We know what we are, but know not what we may be."**

*-Shakespeare*

## POLICIES

- All school policies apply (namely attendance, tardies, phones/PTDs, and following of the behavior flow-chart.
- Additionally, a team policies of no backpacks and no snacks will apply (documented accommodations apply).
- When students are absent, it is *their responsibility* to check the daily slides (posted in Google Classroom) and determine what they need to work on and ask questions for clarification

## WHAT TO EXPECT IN ELA THIS YEAR

As you may be aware, our district has shifted middle school ELA to a common learning tool called *MyPerspectives* which has both digital and consumable components. As this is a new tool/curriculum, there will be a learning curve for us all with inevitable bumps in the road. What is NOT new is my commitment to high expectations, effective instructional practices, and the role of student voice in our ELA classroom.