**8thGrade Reading Syllabus ![C:\Users\shirleyq\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\OG83HL0C\MC900237185[1].wmf]()**

**Teacher Information:**

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 I.       **Class Description**: 8th grade students will be reading and analyzing a variety of fiction and non-fiction literature throughout the year to help them develop their reading skills.

 II. **Rationale:**  Reading is a complex, interactive process that continues to be a primary means of acquiring and using information. Society regards reading as essential to daily living. Because reading is fundamental to the mastery of other school subjects, students at all levels must learn to understand what they read. They must know and use various strategies--ways of unlocking the meaning of words and larger blocks of text--to become successful readers.

Students will be challenged to read literature and other materials that reflect and stimulate their interests and intellectual abilities. They will read a wide variety of materials including poetry, drama, and other written works that reveal the richness and diversity of our heritage, afford opportunities to acquire new information, refine perspectives, respond to the needs and demands of society and the workplace, and provide for personal fulfillment.

**III       Assignments:**

1.       **Daily Assignments**: I expect all assignments to be done by the dates given in class.

2.       **Quizzes**:  Both announced and unannounced.  If you keep up with your assigned readings, review essential vocabulary, and do your homework each day, you will do well on your quizzes.

4.       **Tests**: Each student will be assessed over concepts learned and materials read.  Students will receive notice of tests at least one week beforehand.

5.       **Projects**: During some of the units, students will be completing projects that will be announced in class.  (Note: some out of class time will be needed to complete projects

**IV. GRADE-** Your reading grade will be based on total points. I add up all the points you earn on daily assignments, quizzes, tests, and projects and then divide your points by the total number of points possible. After multiplying by 100, your letter grade is assigned based on the grading scale that is listed in your planner.

**V.    Expectations:**

1.    Be Respectful!! Your education begins when you take responsibility for it. Remember each person in this room has the right to learn and I have the professional responsibility to teach.

2.    Complete all assignments on time. Late assignments will not receive full credit, but you will still be required to complete them. You will also be required to come in during lunch time to make up late work. You may be asked to make a phone call to your parents if you have more than one late assignment per quarter.

3. All students are responsible for bringing their own materials to class each and every day. Materials needed are - pencils, pens, notebook, silent reading book, worksheets/homework, and reading materials assigned.

4.   Be willing to work with others.

5.   Cheating WILL NOT be tolerated. The following procedure will be followed for any student that is cheating- you will receive a zero on that assignment, you will call your parents and explain to them what happened, and you will receive a discipline referral.

6. Check Skyward on a regular basis to see your most current grade.

***Students/parents/guardians should read and sign this syllabus. Then detach the bottom portion and return it to Mrs. Shirley.*** *This syllabus is to be used as a general guideline and is not a contract therefore; it may be changed as deemed necessary. (Reading Syllabus)*

*Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

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