

ENGLISH 8

What is this course all about?

It's about reading, writing, speaking, listening, viewing, and representing.

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum/english-language-arts/8>

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Reading will include a collection of styles and forms of text: stories, articles, websites, newspapers, essays, and poetry.

Writing will be varied: quick drafts, to personal responses, to longer stories and essays.

Speaking and listening skills will be strengthened by participation in discussions, group work, and oral presentations.

Viewing and representing will focus on visual styles of communication, including advertisements, graphic novels, and multi-media presentations.

Silent Reading: Students are expected to have reading material everyday. This can be any novel, book, magazine from home. Also, students have the opportunity, each week, to sign out books from our library. **Our "book exchange" day is every Tuesday.**

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- 1"-2" hard cover binder
- 60+ page notebook (such as Hilroy)
- lined paper
- black or blue pens
- pencils
- highlighters 3 or more colours)
- felt pens
- sticky notes
- glue sticks
- pencil case or box

GRADING

Mid-term and final grades are based on student progress within each language development area:

- Reading - 25%
- Writing - 25%
- Speaking/Listening - 25%
- Viewing/Representing - 25%

The final grade is calculated as the total percentage earned throughout the course.

Assignment grades, feedback, and other assessments will be available via "interims" as well as a grading program called "Fresh Grade". Students will receive their login and password for this program within the first two weeks of class.

Helpful Hints

Student Responsibilities

- * be **on time** for every class
- * **pens, paper, reading material**
- * **active participation** from bell-to-bell
- * hand in assignments **on**, or **before the due date**

Absent?

- * Find out what was missed → **in this order**: (1) *website*, (2) *classmate*, (3) *Mrs. Reed*
- * Hand in missed work within 1 day of absence

Be accountable: admit mistakes, take the consequence, and carry -on

Cellphones/technology devices are welcome BUT only to be used under the direction of the teacher.

Parents should not be texting their teens during classroom hours.

Classroom hours are: 8:30 - 11:05
11:30 - 12:40
1:40- 2:55

Organization

- * use a binder with tabs (I'll help you start this)
- * Have an on-going list for assignments and due dates
- * Take notes during assignment instructions
- * Keep papers, hand-outs, and worksheets tidy
- * **never** throw away marked assignments

Self-control

High School is the place to consciously change your actions and reactions.

Respect classmates every day by being patient, supportive, and aware of individual differences.

Be kind: follow this classic rule: " If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all."

Bad attitudes and bullying are not tolerated.



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