

Crossroads Language Arts 8th Grade

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1 About this Course:

Websites:

crla8.weebly.com
updated info, links, printable copies of class assignments

classroom.google.com
Google classroom for turning in assignments

2 Grades

Assessments will occur periodically throughout the semester and may take the form of a test, a project, or a written essay.

Assignments will occur more frequently and may also be known as daily work or "homework"

*Note - Final grades will be comprised of course grades (90%) and the semester exam (10%).



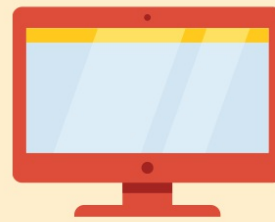
3 Daily Needs



Supplies: Students will need to bring the following items to class every day:

- Reading/Writing Notebook (you will want a second notebook for 2nd semester)
- Choice Reading text
- Sticky Notes
- Pocket Folder
- Pen/pencil

4 Assessments and Assignments



Assessments: Assessments will occur less frequently throughout the semester, and they are listed on the next page of the syllabus. These assessments are summative in nature and are designed to measure the performance and show the skills that a student has mastered throughout a unit.

Essays and projects that fall under the category of “assessments” may be turned in late if I have been notified prior to the due date. If a student receives an unsatisfactory grade for an assessment (with the exception of exams), the assessment may be retaken. Before a retake the student will be required to spend time with the teacher for remediation. Retakes must be scheduled within a reasonable time period (two weeks) of the original assessment date.

Assignments: Much of the formative practice (assignments), which is preparation for assessments, will not be graded. This is daily work students are assigned to help them grow personally and to help the teacher better understand the strengths and weaknesses of each student.

Assignments are not listed on the syllabus for good reason. All assignments will be based on the needs of the class. Students may have a short paragraph to write or a few questions to answer for the next day’s discussion. In any case, this is important work that students are expected to complete. Assignments must be turned in during class on the due date without exception.

5 Independent Reading



Independent reading is a foundational expectation for this course. The most important preparation for high school and college, as well as for a successful life, is to read! Students will be expected to do extensive outside choice reading, which will be monitored in class through teacher conferences and written responses. Grades will be based on both the quantity of reading as well as the periodic reading reflection activities. Your child will be expected to read at least two hours outside of class weekly, this will be based off their individual reading rate.

6 Weekly Required Homework

Students will be required to read 2 hours outside of class and write in their notebook each week.

There will be other daily assignments that may turn into homework as well.

7 Final Exams

All students will take a semester exam worth 10% of the overall semester grade. The exam will assess the various topics and material covered throughout the semester.