

8th grade English

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Marking Period Grade

- 80% Assessments (Tests, Quizzes, Projects, Writing)
- 20% Homework

Semester Grade

- 40% 1st Marking Period
- 40% 2nd Marking Period
- 20% Exam

GRADING SCALE

B+	89-87	A	100-93	A-	92-90
C+	79-77	B	86-83	B-	82-80
D+	69-67	C	76-73	C-	72-70
		D	66-63	D-	62-60
		F	59-0		

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Students in this class will: read short stories, novels, and informational texts; write essays, creative pieces, and journal entries; participate in presentations and class discussions. Three themed novels and a selection of short stories will be used: The Outsiders, The Devil's Arithmetic, The Giver, Short Story Unit and four large Common Core assessments will be given. Retakes are encouraged and students must sign up for these. The original test score and the retake score will be **averaged** together.

COURSE WORK

Assessments (Tests, Quizzes, Writing)

- Reading quizzes will be given each marking period (on the computer) with Reading Counts. Short formative assessments will be given frequently to ensure the depth of knowledge has been reached according to the Common Core State Standards. Summative assessments will be given at the end of each unit. Larger writing pieces will be scored with a rubric system.

Homework

- Homework will be evaluated by the following: It will be checked for completion and honest effort!
- No extra credit will be given, however test retakes are encouraged.

ABSENCES

It is YOUR responsibility to find out what you missed when absent. Check the absent board & Weebly!

HOMEWORK GRADING & LATE WORK

Homework will be graded on a scale from 0 to 4.

- 4 points – Completed on time with honest effort
- 3 points – Completed one day late with honest effort
- 2 points – Completed two or more days late with honest effort
- 0 points – Turned in after midterm
- M – Missing

CLASSROOM RULES

Be Positive

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

- Keep backpacks and coats in your lockers.
- Use common sense when sharpening pencils during instruction time.
- No iPods/phones during instruction time