 COURSE SYLLABUS
LAN 0800
8TH GRADE ENGLISH

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In English 8, students learn grammar rules that review and build on previous grades and are challenged to build an expanding vocabulary through higher level word studies. Students incorporate this knowledge into their writing through the creation of original writing pieces as well as recognition of terms in published works. Writing is integral part of this curriculum as students learn not only the basics of the writing process, but also how to create original pieces in a number of different writing genres. Literature, too, is a strong element in this English class. Students read works from various genres and cultures, and respond to these works by means of projects and response pieces. All elements of this class are taught from a Biblical worldview that analyzes secular worldview messages that students encounter in their society daily.

PREREQUISITES

None.

MATERIALS LIST

Microsoft Office or compatible software

MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will be able to:

1. Identify grade appropriate parts of speech in written text
2. Correctly use grade appropriate parts of speech in original pieces of writing.
3. Comprehend and analyze literature from different genres and cultures
4. Learn, retain, and utilize vocabulary words
5. Use learned vocabulary in correct context in a sentence
6. Learn the basics of the writing process from the development of paragraph to combining paragraphs into essays
7. Use critical thinking skills when analyzing literature and using those skills to create something new and original
8. Recognize a secular worldview in published literature and respond to that secular
worldview from a Biblical perspective
9. Thinking critically about the worldviews that are prevalent in society and responding to those secular worldview from a Biblical perspective
10. Learn the basics of an oral presentation

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Daily assignments (several per module)

1. Section quizzes
2. 1 Vocabulary list per module
3. 1 Vocabulary test per module
4. Writing Assessments: several essays and 1 research paper
5. 1 Test per module
6. 1 Midterm Exam
7. 1 Final Exam

COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES

Grading Weights

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Scale

A  93 – 100
B  85 – 92
C  77 – 84
D  70 – 76
F  Below 70

Other Policies

Academic Misconduct

See pages 32-35 of your Student Handbook

Repeating Assignments

Students may repeat lesson assessments only **one time** (total of 2 attempts). Quizzes and tests are **not repeated**. Only one attempt is allowed.