

Jackson Hole Middle School Course Syllabus

Jackson Hole Middle School provides students with an innovative and exceptional education that instills integrity and promotes achievement in a diverse world.

Teacher: Jack Gregory

Course Title: 8th Grade Language Arts

Course Standards/Objectives:

- Students use the reading process to demonstrate understanding of literary and informational texts.
- Students use the writing process and use appropriate strategies to write a variety of expressive and expository pieces.
- Students use listening and speaking skills for a variety of purposes and audiences.

Course Materials:

The novels that we will read in this class will include, but will not be limited to: *The Outsiders, The Pearl, The Bomb, Forgotten Fire, A Step From Heaven, Al Capone Does My Shirts, So Be It, Stuck in Neutral, Speak, Tears of a Tiger, My Sister's Keeper, Anne Frank, and Novio Boy*. Additionally, we will read assorted short stories and poems.

Course Supplies:

All students **must have** the following supplies:

- 1 inch, 3 ring binder with 5 section dividers.
- 3 hole punched, college ruled loose leaf paper
- Pens (blue or black ink) and Pencils
- 1 composition book to use as a Writer's Notebook
- JHMS Agenda
- One box of Kleenex OR one pack of 10 pencils / pens for the class "bank"

Course Grading Specifics:

- Major Writing Assignments, Unit Assessments, & Projects: 40%
- Homework, Quizzes, & Shorter Assignments: 40%
- Daily performance, Preparedness, & Citizenship 20%

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Grading Scale:

A+ Above 97.5%
B+ 89-87.5%
C+ 79-77.5%
D+ 69-67.5%

A 97.5-92.5%
B 87.5-82.5%
C 77.5-72.5%
D 67.5-62.5%

A- 92.5-90%
B- 82.5-80%
C- 72.5-72%
D- 62.5-62%

Homework:

Homework will be given throughout the week, and students should plan to spend up to 2 hours weekly on homework assignments.

Make Up Procedures:

Students are responsible for keeping track of and making up missed work. For every day absent, students have two days to make up the work. Please check our online classroom blog for relevant details.

If you know you will be absent from school for a vacation, make sure you know the expectations and due dates of assignments before you leave.

Late Work:

Late work will be accepted for half credit until the end of a unit.

Late significant projects or will be docked up to 10% per day at the discretion of the teacher.

Special Notes:

1. JHMS common writing expectations will be required for all written work.
2. You must come to class *every day* and *on time* and *prepared* with all supplies.
3. Model respectful behavior at all times inside the classroom and outside the classroom.
4. Respect and cooperate with substitutes and classroom guests.
5. Come prepared to stay. Leaving the classroom requires a pass.

Contact Information:

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Best time to call: between 2:45 and 3:30pm at 733-4234 ext. 3102

Class blog: TBA