

# Welcome to 6-8 Grades Taliaferro Co. Schools

# ELA

{2019-2020 Syllabus}

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This English Language Arts class is filled with reading, writing, and creative projects that will focus on critical thinking skills, collaborative groups, creativity and communication skills. These activities will be designed to help students reflect, write, and discuss various topics such as adolescent issues, race, culture, stereotypes, and misconceptions).

## In this class you will....

- Read a variety of print and non-print texts from various time periods to build an understanding of texts
- Apply various strategies to comprehend, interpret, evaluate, and appreciate texts
- Adjust your use of spoken, written, and visual language to communicate effectively
- Apply knowledge of language structure, conventions, media techniques, figurative language to create, critique, and discuss print and non-print texts
- Conduct research on issues and interests by generating ideas and questions, and by posing problems
- Use a variety of technological and information to gather and synthesize
- Develop an understanding of and respect for diversity across cultures
- Participate as knowledgeable, reflective, creative, and critical students
- Use spoken, written, and visual language to accomplish your own purposes

[Standards from the National Council of Teachers of English]

## Homework

- Homework is given nightly, Students are given a participation and effort grade for completing homework. Homework is important to complete because students will be assessed on Friday's.

## Class Materials Needed

- Pencils/Pens
- 2 - Composition Notebook/Spiral Tablet
- 1- 3 Prong Folder w/pockets
- Colored Pencils/Markers/ Crayons
- Scissors
- Glue
- Public Library Card

## Make-Up Work

- It is the student's responsibility to get ALL missed work on the day he/she was absent from school.
- Student will need to check with classmates or teacher.

## Grading

- Rubrics will be used to assess the quality and mastery of students' work.
- Grading scale will follow the Taliaferro County Schools District policy.
- All grades can be checked via PowerSchool.
- Copied or plagiarized work is subject to a grade of zero. It's the teacher's discretion if student is allowed to re-do the assignment.