

SYLLABUS-8TH ELAR

Amplify ELAR Texas is a full-subject, Tier 1 English Language Arts curriculum designed for grades 6–8. It features:

- High-quality, complex texts
- TEKS-aligned instruction
- Digital and print components
- Embedded assessments and differentiation tools
- Rich multimedia resources for student engagement

Structure of the 8th Grade Curriculum

Each grade level includes six units centered on literary or informational texts, plus:

- 2–3 immersive learning experiences called Quests
- A dedicated Story Writing unit
- A blend of digital and print materials

The curriculum typically includes:

- Close reading of complex texts
- Analytical writing
- Vocabulary development
- Literary analysis
- Research and argumentation

Key Features

- Five levels of differentiation to meet varied student needs
- Embedded teacher support and feedback tools
- Robust reporting to track student progress
- Digital library and vocabulary app for extended learning

8th Grade Amplify ELAR Units

Unit Code	Title	Focus Area
8A	Perspectives & Narrative	Personal voice, storytelling, POV
8B	Liberty & Equality	Civil rights, historical texts
8C	Science & Science Fiction	Genre study, speculative fiction
8D	Shakespeare's <i>Romeo & Juliet</i>	Drama, literary analysis
8E	Holocaust: Memory & Meaning	Historical nonfiction, memoir
8F	Story Writing	Creative writing, narrative craft

Each unit includes:

- TEKS-aligned lessons
- Embedded assessments
- Vocabulary and grammar integration
- Opportunities for close reading and writing practice

These units are designed to build critical thinking, analytical writing, and reading comprehension through diverse texts and genres.

Schedule:

Monday-Thursday- Amplify Lessons

Fridays- Free Journal writing, novel reads, and journal writing about the novel- Students will need a writing journal for this.

6th 6-weeks- The last 6 weeks of school is for research writing. The students will be required to write a research paper on the assigned topic. Plagiarism will not be tolerated.

Book Reports:

Students are required to complete one book report every 6-weeks on a book that they choose. The book report is a 6-wks Test Grade. They must make sure that it is within their reading level and it is approved.

Homework, Late Work, and Absent Work:

Homework will be given and will be due at the beginning of class. If you were absent from class, ask the teacher what you missed. You will have until the next day to turn in the work that you missed while absent.

These are the consequences for not turning in homework, class work, projects, or any work that is supposed to be turned in to the teacher are:

1 day late= 10 points off

2 days late= 20 points off

3 days late= 30 points off

4 days late=0

Students will not be allowed to make up homework at progress report time or at the end of the grading period.

Attendance:

See student hand book for attendance requirements. It is important that students attend class so they do not get behind.

Scheduling and Units are subject to change. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

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