



Course Syllabus – READING 8th grade
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Classroom: 303
Textbook: Adventures for Reading (Athena Edition)

Course Description: This course is designed to give students an in depth study of reading and literary elements.

Course Outline: This course will cover both fiction and nonfiction stories, the study of literary elements, the recitation and study of poetry, Using the Bible as literature, and the study of *The Hobbit*, *The Diary of Anne Frank* and *The Hatchet*. Students will also study world parts throughout the Semester.

Method of Instruction: Notes and Lecture will be the primary source of information. Worksheets and projects will be included. Oral communication and participation in class along with independent reading will be required. Grades are taken daily so attendance is a MUST for course completion.

Student Responsibilities: Daily attendance, keeping up with materials, class participation.

Attendance: Good attendance and class participation are a must in order to succeed in this course. It is each student's responsibility to find out what assignments are missed during an absence and to make plans with your teacher on how to complete those assignments in a timely fashion (including tests, quizzes, writings, and labs). If your illness will cause an absence for 2 or more days, you should contact the school office to request assignments.

Grading:
Semester Grades = Daily Grades (40%) + Tests (40%) + Quarterly Exams (20%) In the event of complete Distance Learning, grading percentages may change.

Daily Supplies:

1. Two inch three ring binder
2. Notebook Paper
3. 5 Notebook Dividers
4. Spiral bound index cards (for word parts)
5. Personal copy of *The Hobbit* and *The Hatchet*
6. Personal copy of *The Diary of Anne Frank* is encouraged but not required
7. Pens/Pencils
8. Highlighter

Student Name (please print): _____

I have read and understand the lab safety form for science.

Student signature _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____

I have read and understand the class syllabus.

Student signature _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____