

English 8

Semester 1 2009

Mrs. Lee

Room 105

Course #072/073 1 Credit

Course Description

This course contains work in grammar, composition, literature, spelling and vocabulary. You are also required to earn 7.5 accelerated reader points each quarter. Books must be no lower than a sixth grade reading level. Vocabulary lists contain words from that week's literature assignments. Twenty-five spelling words will be given on a weekly basis. Students are tested to determine on which of three spelling levels they will work. Formal and/or informal assessments are given at the end of each unit, book or literary work.

Grammar

The Sentence and Its Parts

Nouns

Pronouns

Verbs

Modifiers

Subject & Verb Agreement

Prepositions, Conjunctions, Interjections

Verbals

Capitalization

Literature Themes

Clever Animals

Detectives, Scientists & Truth Revealed

Family Ties

Memories and the Future

The Diary of Anne Frank

The Early Southwest

Revolutionary Times

Major Assignments/Tests

1. Nine Grammar Chapter Tests
2. Weekly Spelling Tests
3. Seven Vocabulary Tests
4. Composition Writing
5. Literature Tests and Quizzes
6. Revolutionary Screenplay Project

Evaluation

A to A- (92-100%)	All grades are calculated on a percentage system based on total points possible. Each assignment, test, quiz or project is given a point value which varies according to the project's length and structure. The final letter grade is computed according to the scale at left.
B+ to B- (83-91%)	
C+ to C- (74-82%)	
D+ to D- (65-73%)	
F/NC = Below 65%	

Classroom Policies

Students are to come to class prepared for the day's activities. This preparation includes having all necessary materials with them (paper, pen/pencil, books, etc.). Students will not be excused to return to their lockers for forgotten items. Students are expected to turn homework in when due. Late work is not accepted, unless it is due to illness or exceptional circumstances. Students must arrive on time. They should be in the classroom and heading toward their seats when the bell rings. Tardies will be handled according to student handbook guidelines. There is no food or gum allowed in the classroom. The only beverage allowed is water. Courtesy for all members of the class will be displayed at all times.

Contact Information

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Available conference times outside of class: 7:45 - 9:05 or 3:06 - 3:30

