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**7th & 8th Grade Research**

**7th & 8th Grade Reading**

**7th & 8th Grade English**

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## 7th Grade Research

This class has the students learn about plagiarism, how to search databases and how to use an online encyclopedia. Students will learn to use MLA to cite their sources. The end project is a three page paper with a bibliography.

## 8th Grade Research

This builds on the research class in 7th grade. They will still write a three page research paper only this time the emphasis is on more formal writing and the topic is one that coincides with the social studies class's curriculum.

## 7th Grade Reading

Students will learn key literary terms such as simile, metaphor, character, plot, theme, rising action, climax, and falling action. The class will read two different current novels and keep a reading journal about what they read.

## 8th Grade Reading

This class also works on identifying literary terms but the emphasis is more on comprehension. There will be packets for them to do on each of the two novels they will be reading. They also will be comparing the novels with films.

## 7th Grade English

This class concentrates on a creative writing unit, grammar, and reading. The students use a grammar textbook, a reading textbook and then writing assessments. The last semester of class students will work on developing thinking and interpretive level skills and work on reading skills aloud as well as silently. Time is also spent on starting the writing process needed for 8th grade.

## 8th grade English

This class really works on getting the students prepared for the NESA Reading and Writing Tests. Students work on vocabulary, the five paragraph essay, and reading comprehension. Students learn how to infer answers in their reading and how to be comfortable with using the thesaurus in their writing. Grammar is still emphasized with extensive work done with punctuation.

## English 9

In this class the student will learn oral and written communication skills through: Parts of speech, punctuation, complete sentences, paragraph structure, and use of the dictionary. Through literature, the student will better understand basic literary form as used by various authors as well as build a vocabulary through reading writing journals. Students will write several papers including a five paragraph essay.

## English 10

In this class the student will learn oral written communication skills through: parts of speech, punctuation, complete sentences, paragraph structure, and use of the dictionary. Through literature, the student will better understand basic literary form as used by various authors as well as build a vocabulary through reading writing journals. Students will write several papers including a five paragraph essay.

## English 11

In this class the student will learn oral and written communication skills through: parts of speech, punctuation, complete sentences, paragraph structure, vocabulary expansion, and use of the dictionary. Students will write several papers including MLA research paper. Through literature the student will recognize the major authors, works, and movements in American Literature.

## English 12

In this class the student will learn oral and written communication skills through: parts of speech, punctuation, complete sentences, paragraph structure, vocabulary expansion, and use of the dictionary. Students will read a diverse selection of world and multi-cultural authors and write papers based on their own interpretations of the texts, complete with textual citations. Students will write a research papers using appropriate MLA form and style and present it to an audience.

## Speech/Drama

This class is designed to help the student become a public speaker. The student will learn how to effectively deliver a speech making correct use of language, vocal control, visual aides and gestures. Students will learn to speak in front of groups on topics from introduction of speakers to presenting a news report. This class will also deal with One Act Play and Drama.

## Independent Reading

Students will read a diverse selection of novels at their own pace. The reading will include works from different genres. Students will discuss the works through writing and oral discussion with classmates and the teacher.