8th Grade English Language Arts Mrs. Lakeisha Corley Room 807

dialogue legendmyth plot opinionpoetry satire conflict ENGLISHMR.CORREIAprotagonist characterization LANGUAGE ARTS villain characterization LANGUAGE ARTS tone climax compare contrast monologue persuasive theme fact descriptive narrativenon-fictionresolution fictionfolk talehero mood novel





My Family



My husband, Shane, and I have lived in the Madison area for 9 years. Our children attend Rosa Scott, Madison Middle School, and Madison Station Elementary.

Course Description

In this course, students will be expected to actively engage in a curriculum that is aligned with the Common Core State Standards. Students will read great works of literature, learn the fundamentals of researchbased writing, and improve their vocabulary, grammar, writing, and literary analysis skills.



<u>What will we be</u> <u>learning this year?</u>

- Read challenging short stories and novels.
- Write essays (narratives, argumentative, and informative).
- Develop critical thinking skills and expand your vocabulary.
- Develop listening, speaking and debating skills.
- Give oral presentations and show your creativity.



We will have homework from time to time. Homework will include:

- Reading passages
- Essays/writing assignments
- Vocabulary
- Independent reading (required)

All homework assignments should be written in the student's planner.

Independent Reading

All students in my class are expected to complete independent reading requirements daily. Students must have a novel or other reading material of choice. I will conduct student conferences to gauge their reading progress, to help with comprehension frustration, to nudge them to set goals and to listen to their thinking about the book.









A 9 weeks grade will be given according to the following:

•66%-Major grades (chapter tests, research activities, projects, essays)
•34%-Minor grades (homework, class work, quizzes, Jag Marks)
•Please check grades in Active Parent/Student. Grades will be updated weekly.

Jag Marks

- Jag Marks are important! These assignments allow the students to review the skills we have covered or preview material that we will cover.
- These short activities (5-10 minutes) are completed at the beginning of each day.
- A <u>daily grade</u> is taken for Jag Marks every two weeks.





Notebooks/Binders

Organization = Success!

- I am encouraging your child to keep all Language Arts notes and worksheets in a binder with divider tabs.
- This will ensure that all Language Arts materials stay together and are available to study and use in class.
- Please HELP and encourage your child to get organized and stay organized.



Contact Information

- E-mail address is <u>lcorley@madison-schools.com</u>
- Check my website for notes, assignments and other important information. Go to <u>www.madison-schools.com</u>, select Madison Middle School, click on Teachers and go to Lakeisha Corley.
- Please call the school any time you wish to set up a conference.
- All conferences must be set up through the office with the 8th grade counselor, Mrs. Lindsey Montgomery - 601-605-4171.





- •Kleenex or paper towels
- Colored Paper or cardstock
- Pencils
- •Expo Markers
- •Hand Sanitizer or Lysol/Clorox Wipes

