

# ENGLISH 8

WITH MRS. CLARK

## YEAR AT A GLANCE

### DYSTOPIAN UNIT

- Text: *The Roar* by Emma Clayton

### SHAKESPEARE

- Text: *Twelfth Night* and *Much Ado About Nothing*

### HOLOCAUST

- Text: *The Diary of Anne Frank*

### THE OUTSIDERS

- Text: *The Outsiders*

### VARIOUS SHORT STORIES

- "Flowers for Algernon"
- "The Tell-Tale Heart"
- "The Adventures of the Speckled Band"
- "A Retrieved Reformation"
- "Raymond's Run"
- "Thank You M'am"
- "Charles"

### POEM RECITATIONS

- "O Captain! My Captain!"
- "The Road Not Taken"

### VARIOUS INFORMATIONAL TEXTS

### AEC (Assertion, Evidence, Commentary) Writing

### Narrative Writing

### DGP (Daily Grammar Practice)

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## YEAR LONG GOALS

- Grow stronger and more confident as a reader and a writer.
- Find books you love and read a lot.

"WRITE TO BE UNDERSTOOD, SPEAK TO BE HEARD, READ TO GROW."  
-LAWRENCE CLARK POWELL

"ONCE YOU LEARN TO READ, YOU WILL BE FOREVER FREE." - FREDERICK DOUGLASS



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## CALCULATING YOUR GRADE

### Grading Policy

Per school policy, major grades will be worth 60% and minor grades will be worth 40%.

Major grades can include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ★ Tests
- ★ Quizzes
- ★ Projects
- ★ Essays (all parts)
- ★ Fishbowl/Socratic Seminars (when stated)

Minor grades can include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ★ Daily Work
- ★ Notebook checks
- ★ Entrance/Exit slips
- ★ Classroom Discussion
- ★ Fishbowl/Socratic Seminars (when stated)
- ★ Study Guides
- ★ Worksheets/Handouts
- ★ Short Writing Prompts

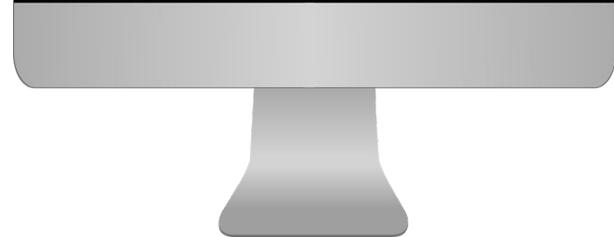
Daily work will be updated weekly. Please check grades regularly and feel free to ask me any questions that you might have about a particular grade.

## GOOGLE CLASSROOM CODES

Period 1: di2pblf

Period 6: lsn7zls

To join your class, visit Google Classroom (you can type Google Classroom in the search bar), click on the + sign, and enter your class code. Math teachers will also take students to the computer lab to sign up for each of their Google Classrooms.



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## READING AT HOME

### Support reading as a family:

1. Agree to turn off electronics to drop everything and read for at least 20 minutes/night.
2. Read together. Talk about books as a family. Listen to books in the car (audio books are amazing!). Read books at bedtime.
3. Realize that you WILL get smarter by dedicating reading time at home--have a growth mindset!

## WHY IS READING AT HOME IMPORTANT?

When a student reads 20 minutes a day at home, that student reads 1,800,000 words a year.

A student who reads one minute or less each day only encounters 8,000 words per year.

Students who read 20 minutes a day at home also perform 90% better on all content area assessments than their classmates who do not read. Reading as much and as well as you can is a key to your success in school and beyond!

"IF YOU FIND A BOOK YOU REALLY WANT TO READ BUT IT HASN'T BEEN WRITTEN YET, THEN YOU MUST WRITE IT." - TONI MORRISON

I have read and understand the grading policy and syllabus for English 8.

Please print your child's name

Please sign (type) and include your email address if available. Thank you!

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Email Address (if available)

Student Signature

Date