

"YOU MUST NEVER FEEL BADLY ABOUT MAKING MISTAKES... AS LONG AS YOU TAKE THE TROUBLE TO LEARN FROM THEM. FOR YOU OFTEN LEARN MORE BY BEING WRONG FOR THE RIGHT REASONS THAN YOU DO BY BEING RIGHT FOR THE WRONG REASONS."

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—THE PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH

8th
Grade



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Start
your
year
with
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GRADING SCALE:

Major Grades: 60%
(Tests/Essays/Projects)

Minor Grades: 40%
(Classwork/Homework)

You should not expect Mrs. Christopher to accept late assignments.

Required Materials

- Chromebook for DAILY USE
- ELA Binder
- Notebook Paper
- Pencil or Pen (blue or black)
- Personal reading material



STUDENTS ARE TO FOLLOW THE HARTSELLE CITY SCHOOLS [CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT](#), AS WELL AS THE HJHS SCHOOL RULES, WHILE IN LANGUAGE ARTS CLASS.

Cell phones and other personal electronic devices (like earbuds or headphones and smart watches) are not permitted for use in the **classroom or hallways**. Students are expected to follow the HJHS cell phone policy.



8th Grade Novels

Throughout the year students will be required to read three novels. While excerpts of the novels will be read and discussed in class, the majority of reading will be completed at home. Students will be provided with digital copies of each novel/play, but they are welcome to purchase a personal copy if desired.

Term 1 : *The Looking Glass Wars*

Term 2: **various short stories*

Term 3: *Genesis Begins Again*

Term 4: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

[Click here for additional curriculum information and pacing.](#)

Notes, assignments, and/or lessons will be posted to Google Classroom daily.

Make-Up Work

When a student is absent from school, it is their responsibility to obtain all missed assignments, including necessary handouts, upon their return. Check the Make-Up Mailbox for handouts.

In most cases, the assignment(s) will be posted on Google Classroom.

It is also the student's responsibility to ask questions or get clarification from Mrs. Christopher if they do not understand the assignment.

Make-up work will be accepted and graded per the HCS make-up work policy.

