

# ENGLISH READING / LANGUAGE ARTS COURSE OUTLINE

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## **Course Description**

Students will learn to read critically with full comprehension across genres and be able to communicate effectively. As students develop critical reading skills, they will make important life connections through the variety of material they study. As students encounter a variety of text structures, they will be able to see how these different things connect to one large idea and see how these large ideas connect across other content areas being studied. Each student will be required to engage in activities and assessments that meet rigorous academic expectations. There will be an exploration of language expression and mechanics as well as spelling and vocabulary. As students complete this course, I hope that they will see the relevance that this course has in their lives and future academic and career goals.

## **Course Objectives:**

- Students will become literate in the English language through the intensive study reading and speaking of English.
- Students will master language usage and rules of grammar in writing; determine theme, audience, purpose; master effective oral communication
- Students will develop the skills necessary to become self-directed learners.
- Teacher will serve as facilitator to accomplish these objectives by providing structure, guidance, and feedback to the students.

## **Evaluations:**

The level of achievement in the following activities and assignments will determine their understanding of the core ideas.

- Homework Packets: Reading, grammar, punctuation, editing skills, critical thinking, and more
- Homework from the Vocabulary and Reading Books
- Tests and Quizzes