8th Grade English Language Arts Syllabus - 2019

Mr. Saling

First Semester

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|  Unit |  Unit Title/Focus | Outside Reading Genre | Writer’s Workshop |
|  1 | Culture and BelongingMemoirs | Free choice | Summer Reading book project Memoir |
|  2 | The Thrill of Horror/ Story StructureShort Stories | Contemporary Realism | Short stories |
|  3 | Tolerance*The Diary of Anne Frank* | Holocaust/Social Justice Literature | Persuasive Essays – themes and characters from Anne Frank |
| Fall Assessment | Claim and Evidence |  | Persuasive Paragraph |

Second Semester

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|  Unit |  Unit Title/Focus | Outside Reading Genre | Writer’s Workshop |
|  4 | Poetry/The Value of WorkLiterary Devices | A collection of poetry or auto/biography of a poet | Poetry Project |
|  5 | Approaching Adulthood/ Theme/Symbol | Novels (*Mockingbird* or*The* *Outsiders* and *Brown Girl Dreaming*) | Notebook questionsAnalytical Essay |
|  6 | Research and SpeechSpeeches | Free choice (All school book for SAMO) | Research Project |
| Spring Assessment | Claim and Evidence |  | Persuasive Essay |