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 Belonging  Memoirs | Free choice | Summer Reading book project Memoir |
| 2 | The Thrill of Horror/ Story Structure  Short 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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| 4 | Poetry/The Value of Work  Literary 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 questions  Analytical Essay |
| 6 | Research and Speech  Speeches | Free choice (All school book for SAMO) | Research Project |
| Spring Assessment | Claim and Evidence |  | Persuasive Essay |