

Mr. Robertson: English Language Arts
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Eighth Grade ELA Syllabus

Expectations: Come to class each day ready to work together to find meaning in literature.

Materials: Binder with one composition notebook
A novel you've chosen to read and/or our current class novel

Grading Policy: Student grades will be reported using a 4 tier scale (below), based on performances on standards-based assessments. They will also be graded on Life Skills: Behavior, Daily Work & Practice. These graded areas (standards and life skills), will be reported as two separate grades.

Standards Reporting Scale

- 4 = Distinguished, exceeds grade level
- 3 = Proficient, at grade level
- 2 = Approaching grade level
- 1 = Beginning, below grade level
- S = Satisfactory
- U = Unsatisfactory
- NE = Needs evidence

Keys to the class: Attend class regularly with a positive attitude about reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
Get into literature: enjoy authors' voices as well as your own writer's voice.
Participate in discussions, and ask for help or clarification if needed.
Read and write in class as well as at home.
Take your time and do your best on assessments.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns at rrobertson@cashmere.wednet.edu or 509-782-2001. I'm more than willing to make special arrangements.

It is my pleasure having your student in my English Language Arts class this year.