

Course Outline
Language Arts 8
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INTRODUCTION

The aim of the English Language Arts curriculum is to enable each student to understand and appreciate language and to use it confidently and competently in a variety of situations for communication, personal satisfaction and learning.

The students will become confident and competent users of all six language arts through many opportunities to LISTEN and SPEAK, READ and WRITE, and VIEW and REPRESENT in a variety of contexts.

Through reading and writing, the students will be able to access the ideas, views and experiences of others, and to explore, shape and clarify their thoughts. They will refine their ability to communicate with others by using effective writing strategies: drafting, revising, and editing with increasing confidence and skill.

Through viewing and representing, the students will understand the ways in which images and language may be used to convey ideas, values, and beliefs through a variety of media: charts, posters, diagrams, photographs, video presentations, visual arts, and drama.

GENERAL LEARNING OUTCOMES

The students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to:

- a) explore thoughts, ideas, feelings and experiences
- b) comprehend and respond personally and critically to oral, print and other media texts
- c) manage ideas and information
- d) enhance the clarity and artistry of communication
- e) respect, support and collaborate with others to celebrate and build community

SPECIFIC LEARNING OUTCOMES

Writing Study

- a) sentence
- b) paragraph
- c) narrative writing
- d) descriptive writing
- e) expository writing
- f) research paper
- g) poetry
- h) friendly letter

Oral Presentation Study

- a) dramatic reading
- b) impromptu speaking
- c) formal speaking
- d) debating

Genre Study

- a) novel
- b) short narrative
- c) drama
- d) poetry
- e) non-fiction

Language Study

- a) grammar
- b) conventions
- c) mechanics

EVALUATION

Accelerated Reader	5%
Assignments	60%
Tests	25%
Quizzes	10%

Final marks will consist of:

Term 1	23.3%
Term 2	23.3%
Term 3	23.4%
Final Exam	30%
Total	100%