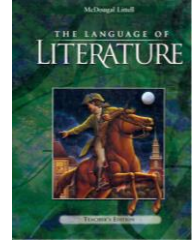
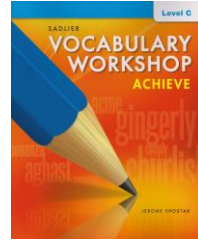
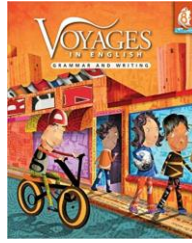


# EIGHTH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS/LITERATURE

Mrs. Cleary  
Syllabus



## DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

The eighth-grade year of literature is organized by genre, including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, drama, and the novel. The course examines a variety of literature by authors such as Jack London, Mark Twain, O. Henry, Edgar Allan Poe, Gary Paulsen, Anton Chekhov, Jules Verne, and many others.

Another area of focus is the writing process. During the year the students will practice a variety of methods of writing, including narrative, descriptive, persuasive, and expository. The students will also study the MLA writing guidelines.

Additional emphasis is given to public speaking, the fine-tuning of grammatical skills, and spelling and vocabulary work.

Please note that Vocabulary tests will be given every other week on Thursdays, and Spelling tests will be given every Friday.

## TERMINAL OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course, the student will be able to:

1. prepare and deliver an oral presentation
2. employ strategies to decode words and increase vocabulary
3. demonstrate comprehension of literature selections
4. develop an awareness of genre, figurative language, and literary analysis
5. write clearly and concisely in a variety of styles
6. apply grammatical rules when writing and use correct spelling
7. compose a research paper using proper MLA documentation

## GRADING

Category 1 (Tests/Projects)	40%
Category 2 (Quizzes/Essays)	30%
Category 3 (Notebook/Homework)	20%
Category 4 (Classwork)	10%

## MATERIALS NEEDED

Blue, black, and red ink pens  
2 Composition books  
Glue sticks  
Highlighter

