

English

4^{eme} (8th Grade) [6 periods per week]

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Course Description

This course challenges students to think critically as they read, and to communicate effectively through written and oral expression. Students read a variety of literature (novels, short stories, poetry, plays, non-fiction) that represent a multitude of cultures, viewpoints, philosophies and styles, write both formally and creatively, and develop their oral presentation skills. This course gives students strategies to succeed in reading comprehension, composition, use of technology, and public speaking. ESLR: Students meet or exceed the established LILA standards in English.

In addition to the core texts, students will study a selection of short stories and non-fiction texts.

Timeline

August - September: *The Book Thief* By Markus Zusak

October: *Fahrenheit 451* By Ray Bradbury

November - December: *Lord of the Flies* By William Golding

January: *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry* By Mildred D. Taylor

February: *I am Malala* By Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb

March: Poetry

April - May: *A Midsummer Night's Dream* By William Shakespeare