

Information for Course Syllabus 2025-2026

Name of Course: ELA

Grade Level: 8

School: Jefferson Middle School

Major Assignments: *A Project/Problem Based Learning activity; Frankenstein mock trial; Novel studies (see below); a major essay on each of the 3 types of writing covered in the 8th grade curriculum.*

Field Trips: None

How can parents access instructional materials? Materials can be accessed through Canvas. TN standards-alignment documents can be accessed on the ORS website [here](#). Links to the middle school ELA curriculum can be accessed [here](#).

***Any last minute additions will be posted on Canvas. Copies can be provided by the teacher of record.*

2	<p>Non-fiction Unit: CommonLit and other articles “How R&B and Hip-hop, Became One Genre” “The Golden Age of MTV” “The World of K-Pop” TEDTalk – “Why can’t we see evidence of alien life?” Alien/UFO Sighting Timeline “Ten Alien Myths Debunked” “Why Is It Fun to Be Frightened?” Ghosts in Religion “Ghosts in the Capital”</p>	<p>8.L.CSE.1, 8.L.CSE.2 8.RI.KID.1-3; 8.RI.CS.5-6;</p>
3	<p>Amplify – Unit 8C – Science and Science Fiction [Frankenstein]</p> <p>“Proposed Treatment to Fix Genetic Diseases Raises Ethical Issues”; “Scientists Clone Human Embryos to Make Stem Cells”;</p> <p>Possible Supplements: “The Myth of Prometheus”; “A Sense of Wonder: an introduction to science fiction”; “Orpheus and Eurydice”; “At a Window” by Carl Sandburg; “There Will Come Soft Rains” by Sara Teasdale; “Tables Turned” by William Wordsworth; Poetry: Sonnets 130 and</p>	<p>8.RL.CS.4, 8.RL.CS.6, 8.RL.KID.1, 8.RL.KID.2, 8.RL.KID.3, 8.RL.IKI.7, 8.RL.IKI.9, 8.W.RBPK.9, 8.W.TTP.1, 8.WTTP.2, 8.L.VAU.4, 8.L.VAU.5, 8.L.CSE.1, 8.L.CSE.2; 8.RL.CS.5</p>

	<p>18 by William Shakespeare “An Apple-Gathering” by Christina Rossetti.</p> <p>Mock Trial – learning the art of evidence, argument, and procedure</p>	
4	<p>Novel study PBL</p> <p>Possible texts: <i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry; The Running Dream; Uglies; Restart</i></p>	<p>8.RL.KID.1; 8.RL.KID.2; 8.RL.KID.3; 8.RI.KID.1; 8.RI.KID.2; 8.RI.KID.3; 8.L.VAU.6; 8.W.TT.P.2; 8.RL.CS.5</p>