

8th Grade Literature

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Textbooks

Pearson Common Core Literature
Student Companion All-in-One Workbook

Novels

The Outsiders
Night
Fahrenheit 451
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

In 8th Grade Literature, students will read, respond to, and analyze literary selections from the three major genres of literature.

The Genres of Literature

Prose
Poetry
Drama

Students will be able to use appropriate literary terms when writing and speaking about literature.

Students will be able to identify and analyze various forms of figurative language.

Figures of Speech

Simile
Metaphor
Personification
Hyperbole
Symbols

Procedures

1. The first week of school students will turn in the signed Summer Reading form indicating which books students read. This will count as a test grade.
2. Students will be required to read many selections outside of class and to reread materials that have been read in class on their own.
3. When working in the textbook, students will have a test on each literary selection or group of selections. These will be about once a week.
4. When reading longer works of literature (such as novels or plays), tests will be based on chapters, acts or sections.
5. Projects will be assigned for longer works of literature and for the Poetry Unit of Study.
6. All answers to questions on homework and tests will be written in complete sentences.

Grade Scale

Homework 10%

Projects 10%

Classwork 10%

Tests 70%