

Haskell CISD Junior High

8th Grade Reading Course Syllabus

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Course Description:

In Reading, students will focus on comprehension and analytical reading skills through the study of a variety of authors and genres. Students will learn how to be successful readers, think and visualize when they read, interact with, and examine text.

Curriculum:

The curriculum for this course aligns with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for Grade 8 Language Arts, Reading and the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) Reporting Categories 1-3. These may be viewed on the Texas Education Agency website: www.tea.texas.gov

Textbooks, Novels and Resources:

Literature – Language and Literacy, Prentice Hall, 2011; Buckle Down Texas STAAR Edition

Classroom Novels may include but are not restricted to:

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton, Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson, The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins, Tears of a Tiger by Sharon M. Draper

1st Semester:

-Unit 1: Fiction and Nonfiction

-Unit 3: Types of Nonfiction

-Unit 2: Short Stories

-Classroom Novel

2nd Semester:

-Unit 4: Poetry

-Unit 6: Themes in American Stories

-Unit 5: Drama

-Classroom Novel