**Pine Mountain Middle School**

 **Syllabus 2017-2018**

 **Subject:** Language Arts

 **Grade:** 8

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**Units of Study**

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| **1st Semester** | **2nd Semester** |
| **Reading:** Literary Text | **Reading:** Literary Text |
|  Informational Text |  Informational Text |
| **Writing:** Hero’s Journey Narrative | **Writing**: Historical Presentation  |
|  Definition Essay |  Multimedia Campaign |
|  Explanatory Essay |  Humorous Text Analysis |
|  Argumentative Essay |  Shakespearean Comedy |

**Grade Distribution**

Formative Assessment 40%

 Summative Assessment 60%

**Text/Resources**

SpringBoard English Language Arts*.* The CollegeBoard, 2018.

 Online text: <https://cobbga.springboardonline.org/ebook/login>

**Disclaimer: Students are responsible for their own textbooks and class novels. Lost textbooks must be replaced by the parent/legal guardian at $82 each. Lost novels must be replaced by the parent/legal guardian.**

**Blog**

<http://pmms7-8ela.weebly.com>

**Homework Policy**

Class assignments that are not finished in class are to be completed for homework and submitted at the beginning of class the next day. Help sessions will be scheduled as needed. Students are expected to read independently nightly.

**Late Work Policy**

It is the student’s responsibility to make up missed work. Pursuant to Cobb County School District policy, homework will be accepted one day late for half credit.

**Grade Recovery Policy**

For **major writing assignments,** students will be eligible to improve a grade if they bring one completed draft of the assignment to at least one help session.

For **major tests,** students will be given the opportunity to complete an error analysis activity at a help session. Students who score at or below a 70% will be required to attend.

**Disclaimer**

To better accommodate needs of students, the syllabus is subject to change. Refer to teacher’s blog/calendar daily on [***www.cobbk12.org/PineMountain***](http://www.cobbk12.org/PineMountain) to remain abreast of changes.

**Advanced Content Classes:** For students in the advanced content ELA classes, the course is differentiated in content, pacing, process skills, and expectation. Curriculum content has been designed for mastery and extension of state and district standards. The district has established criteria and guidelines that identify students who will be successful with the advanced curriculum. Students must meet continuation criteria to remain in the class. *\*Students must maintain an 80 to remain in the advanced content classes.*