Advanced ELA 8 Course Syllabus 2023-2024
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Course Objectives:

Through this course, students will be able to…

★ Demonstrate their ability to read and write through close reading, comprehension practice, and informal/formal writing activities

★ Practice proper usages of grammar through activities, games, and quizzes

★ Analyze different types of texts and the ways in which they are effective

★ Engage in both informal and formal discussions surrounding an array of topics explored in class

Topics of Study/Novels:

Unit 1:	Unit 2:
Scythe by Neal Shusterman	*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
Unit 3:	**Unit 4:**
Unit 3: Holocaust Literature & MLA Research Paper: *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zuzask	Edgar Allan Poe: An Author Study

Materials needed:

★ Chromebook
★ Pencil/Pen
★ Composition notebook (this will be used as a journal and will be kept in the classroom)
★ Book that we are reading

Classroom Rules:

★ Be Respectful
★ Be Responsible
★ Be Ready

Expectations:

★ Students are expected to be in class each day and arrive on time. Attendance is *essential* to your learning.

- ★ Students are expected to pay attention, work hard, and complete assignments by their assigned due date.
- ★ Students are expected to be kind, helpful, and to collaborate with peers in the classroom. A positive classroom environment will allow all students to feel comfortable and supported.

Late/missing work policy:

- ★ Students have one day to make up incomplete classwork. After that, the classwork becomes a 0. If absent, students have two days to make up missing work until it becomes a 0.
- ★ For longer assignments such as essays or projects, students will receive a deduction of 5 points each day the assignment is late.

Cheating/Plagiarism Policy:

- ★ Cheating and plagiarism of any kind will result in a zero and may require further consequences. Authentic ideas and growth are valued in this classroom.

Grading Policy:

Tests This category may include presentations, projects, tests, or other lengthy assignments.	50%
Quizzes This category includes quizzes which are given multiple times within a unit.	30%
Classwork/Homework This category includes all work done in class, such as Do Now's, worksheets, activities, discussions, exit tickets, and other assigned tasks.	20%