



ISS Course Syllabus

Teacher: George Casey
Course Title: Language Arts

Grade: 8th
HS Credit Value:

Course Description:

This class encompasses an interrelated study of reading, language development, literature, composition, listening, and speaking based upon the academic standards for reading, writing, listening, and speaking. The program exposes students to a broad range of reading and writing experiences that focuses on the further development of students' analytical thinking, listening, and speaking skills. The curriculum centers on the literature provided in the adopted text, Prentice Hall. The literature program will expose students to a variety of themes and a variety of literary genre through the study of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and drama. Through the use of novels, textbooks, and supplementary readings, we will achieve this goal.

Course Contents:

- Unit 1 Seasonally Speaking
- Unit 3 What Matters
- Unit 5 Just for Fun
- Unit 7 Finding Yourself
- Unit 9 Poetry
- Unit 2 Common Threads
- Unit 4 Resolving Conflicts
- Unit 6 Short Stories
- Unit 8 Drama
- Unit 10 Myths, Legends, and Folktales

Resources:

- Prentice Hall Literature: Timeless Voices, Timeless Themes., Prentice Hall Inc., 2000.
- The Call of the Wild: Jack London, Prentice Hall Inc., 2001
- **Internet Activities**
- **Library**
- **Maps**

Evaluation System:

1. **The students will have formal tests in the spring mandated by the government.**
2. **Students will be informally assessed in the following ways:**
 - a. **Weekly or by unit, informal teacher generated tests and quizzes.**
 - b. **Daily, this includes class work, participation, and behavior.**
 - c. **Homework assignments**

Test/Quizzes	25%
Classwork	25%
Homework	25%
Participation/Behavior	25%
Total	100%