

# Tokyo International Progressive School

Grade 8, English Course Outline

2021-2022

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# ENGLISH

## DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

This course furthers students' ability to understand different literary genres and to analyze texts and essays. Students will keep on developing critical thinking skills in order to put each account in the right historical and cultural context. Studying authors and their biographies will help students in deepening their understanding of literary devices and tools. Paramount attention will be given to grammar, syntax, and vocabulary as students will be required to express themselves in a proper way according to different types of assignments.

## STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Materials needed for class: Laptop, Notebook, Pens, Pencils, Erasers.

Textbooks: Prentice Hall, *Literature, Language and Literacy, Grade Eight*, Pearson Prentice Hall

Students will be given one textbook at the beginning of the year. Students are responsible for that book and will have to return it in the same conditions as they received it at the end of the school year. If a numbered lent textbook is not returned in usable condition by the required date, the family will be asked to pay for a replacement for the book.

Late Assignments: Any assignment that is late, without having made arrangements with the teacher, will have 5% of their total mark for that assignment deducted for each day it is late.

Tests: If you miss a test and did not discuss your absence with the teacher at least one week before the test or have a note explaining your absence, you will receive a zero on that test. Test re-dos will have to be discussed and negotiated with the teacher.

Food and Drink Policy: no food or drink other than water is allowed in the classroom. Students can bring in their own water bottle.

## EARNING YOUR GRADE

Your grade will be determined by your work in these categories:

Grade Category	Percentage of your grade
6P	10%
Quiz	20%
Daily Work	25%
Project	25%
Test	20%

The grading scale for this course will be:

Letter grade	Mark range
A+	98-100
A	93-97
B+	90-92
B	85-89
C+	82-84
C	77-81
D+	74-76
D	70-73
F	69 or below

## ASSIGNMENT CHECKLIST

QUIZ - Every Wednesday starting from Week 2
UNIT EVALUATION - Every other Friday starting from Week 2
PROJECT - Every other Friday starting from Week 3
PROGRESS TEST - Once per Quarter (October and January)