

Tokyo International Progressive School

Grade 8, English Course Outline

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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

Students will be required to bring their pencil case, water bottle, computer and folder. Students will not be allowed to eat any kind of food during class. Once students enter the classroom, they are expected to follow the instructions for the day and to participate in class discussions.

Students will be given either worksheets on paper or on google classroom, and a textbook. If a numbered lent textbook is not returned in usable condition by the required date, your family will be asked to pay for a replacement for the book.

If assignments are not submitted by the assigned due date, parents will be informed and the student will be required to attend WIN to complete the incomplete assignment. If a student requires more time to complete their assignment, the student must take responsibility and inform the teacher with the reasons for needing extra time. If the reasons are legitimate, the teacher will set a new due date for the assignment. If a student is unable to complete the assignment by the new designated due date, the student will earn a zero as their grade for that assignment.

If a student receives a failing grade in a test, the student will receive the opportunity to have a re-test. The student will be asked to re-answer the questions they got wrong in their first attempt, along with a verbal explanation of their new answer.

EARNING YOUR GRADE

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

Daily Work Any in-class assignment or activity completed that day.	25%
Quizzes Quizzes will be held each week.	20%
Progress Tests Tests will be held following the chapters covered in the course.	20%
Project .	25%
6P Students will be assessed according to their participation, and behavior.	10%

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

Important dates

Students will be assessed with quizzes on a weekly basis and progress tests on a monthly basis.. Students will also be required to work on longer project assignments involving researching and writing skills. Projects will take several lessons to complete and will be scheduled once per quarter.