# Mrs. Rax 8th Grade ELA

***Course Syllabus***

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| 183 Best Quotes About Reading Images | Reading, I Love Books, Reading Quotes  - QuotesPost  “The sweet spot” is 20 minutes a day! The good news is that research data shows that the more anyone reads, the more his or her reading ability improves over the course of a school year. |  |
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**Course Resources**

* ELA Schoology Course:

All class resources and dates will be posted in Schoology.

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**Grading Systems**

Daily grades (50%) consist of class work, quizzes, homework and participation.

Major Grades (50%) consist of tests, essays and projects. Please check Skyward for

grades and comments frequently.

**Course Description**

The goal of AAC ELA is to sharpen critical reading and effective writing skills through various genres of literature and methods of written expression. AAC ELA is designed to prepare students for AP English in high

school. This class moves faster and is more complex than a regular ELA class. Students will be required to do some reading at home independently.

**Tutorials**

Thursday @8:20 a.m.

Friday @ 8:20 a.m.

Students will be issued a pass if tutorials are needed or by request.

**Supplies to bring everyday**

* **Binder**
* **Notebook paper**
* **Black/blue pens**
* **Pens**
* **Highlighters**
* **Color pens**
* **Markers**
* **Scissors**
* **Post it notes(any size)**

**Classroom policies**

All students are expected to:

* + Be in their seat by the tardy bell
  + Have all required supplies daily
  + Put phone/earbuds in their backpack
  + Exhibit self-control
  + Follow all school rules

**Cell Phone Policy**

Students are not permitted to have cell phones out in class unless instructed. Students are not permitted to listen to music in class. I will collect phones used in class without permission, and students can retrieve them at the end of the day from the assistant principal.

**Literature**

Students are required to have an actual book with them in class every day. Independent reading will be a huge part of this class and students will be expected to follow a rigorous reading schedule.

I have an extensive classroom collection of books. As with any library, I have not personally read all of the books. While I do not feel any of the books are inappropriate, each student has a different level of maturity and interests. Parents are encouraged to see what their children are reading and monitor as needed.

**Late Work**

The late work policy for RTMS AAC classes is as follows: Students lose 10 points per day

late. After 3 days, the maximum points allowed is a 50.

### **Tardy Policy**

Students who are late to class 3 times will receive a class detention and then an office referral for every tardy after that.

Digital Tasks

Many assignments will require the use of the internet away from school. If you do not have access to the internet at home, please familiarize yourself with the school library and class tutorial schedules so that you can use them to complete digital assignments.

**Academic Dishonesty**

Cheating, in any form, will not be tolerated. Copying or allowing someone to copy one's work, asking for or giving answers during

an assignment, plagiarizing, using a device for assistance, or turning in work that is not one's own are all forms of cheating. Students choosing to cheat will receive a zero on that assignment and an office

referral.

### Extra Credit

There is no extra credit in this class.

### **M a k e - U p W o r k**

Students have 1 day for every day they are absent to make up work. It is the student's responsibility to get the make-up work from the class folder. The only exceptions to this are projects and assessments assigned before the absence that are due on the assigned due date.

### **Acknowledgment**

I understand the policies and procedures for AAC ELA at Ronald Thornton Middle School.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

