

**FIND YOUR
GREATNESS.**



#FINDGREATNESS

**WELCOME
TO 8TH
GRADE
CORE**

TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

- 21st century learners
- Develop innovators who envision and create a better world
 - Marvelous mistakes
 - Be great
 - Perfect effort
- Instill self-confidence and personal responsibility



SUPPLIES FOR SUCCESS

- ❑ A 1-inch binder with eight dividers
- ❑ Agenda
- ❑ Writing utensils
- ❑ A set of colored highlighters (green, blue, pink, yellow)
- ❑ College ruled binder paper
- ❑ Colored pencils and markers
- ❑ A positive attitude, a sense of humor, and an open mind

COURSE DESCRIPTION



- **Goals for the year**
 - **Learn to read and think as writers**
 - **Look at texts through a writer's eye**
- **Reading and writing poetry, narratives, information, and argumentative texts**

COURSE DESCRIPTION



- **Build skills as a writer and communicate ideas effectively**
- **Participate in academic discussions**

EXPECTATIONS FOR SUCCESS

- Learn from mistakes
- Evaluate work based on success criteria
- Ask questions and accept challenges
- Receive and respond to feedback
- Never give up
- Effort matters
- Reach goals
- State what I am learning

GRADING POLICY

- **Summative Assessments (70%)**
 - assessments of learning
- **Formative Assessments (30%)**
 - assessments for learning

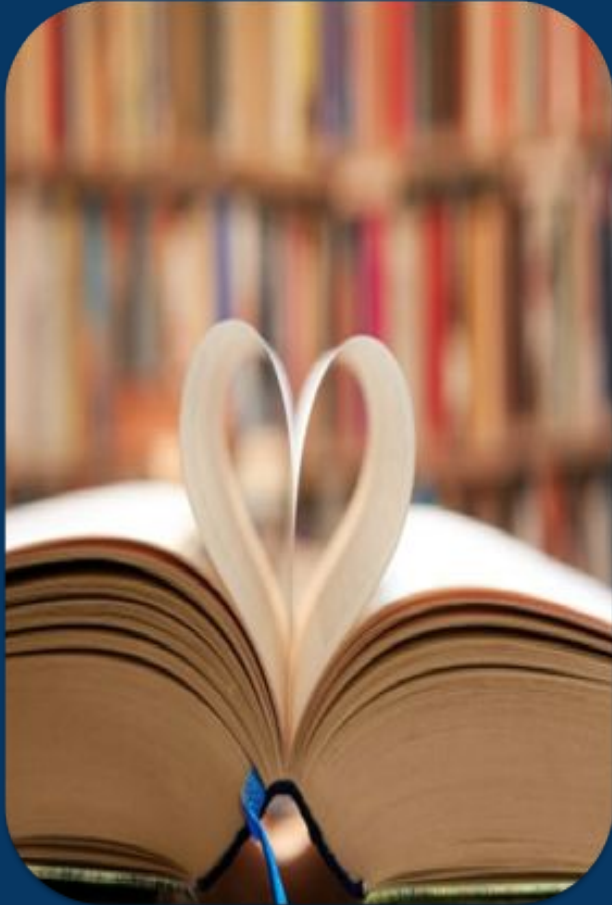


GRADING POLICY

- Late Work
- Revising Work

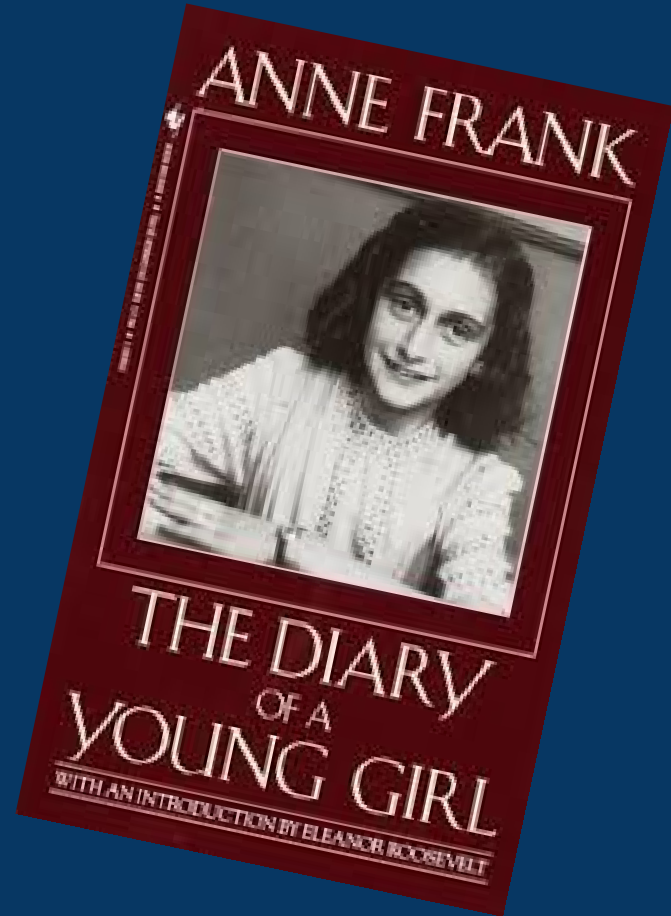
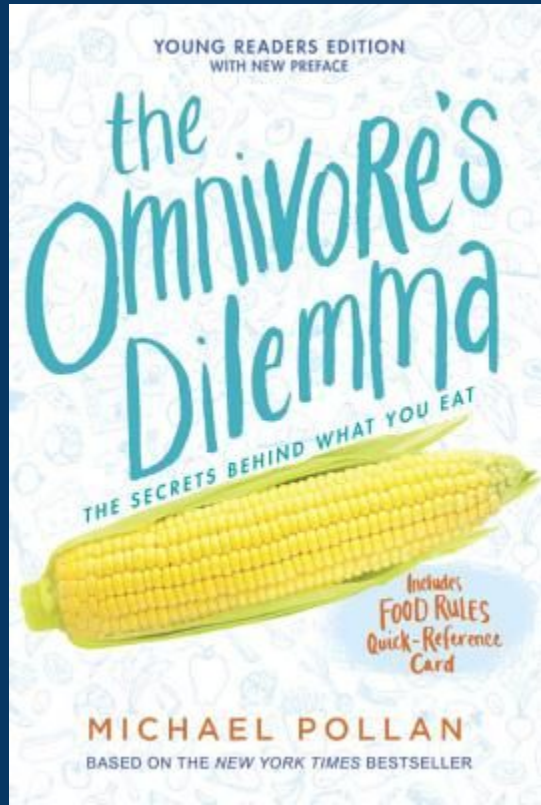
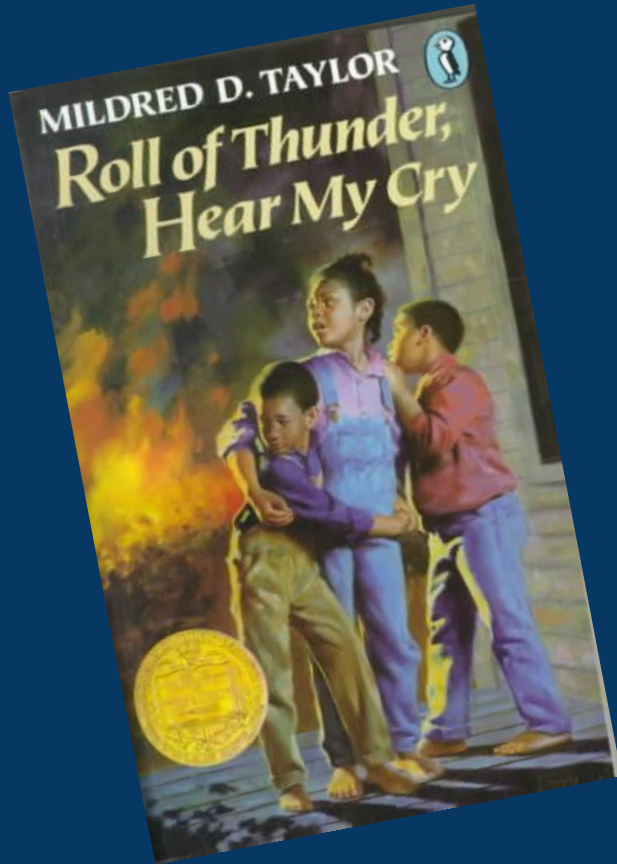


READING FOCUS

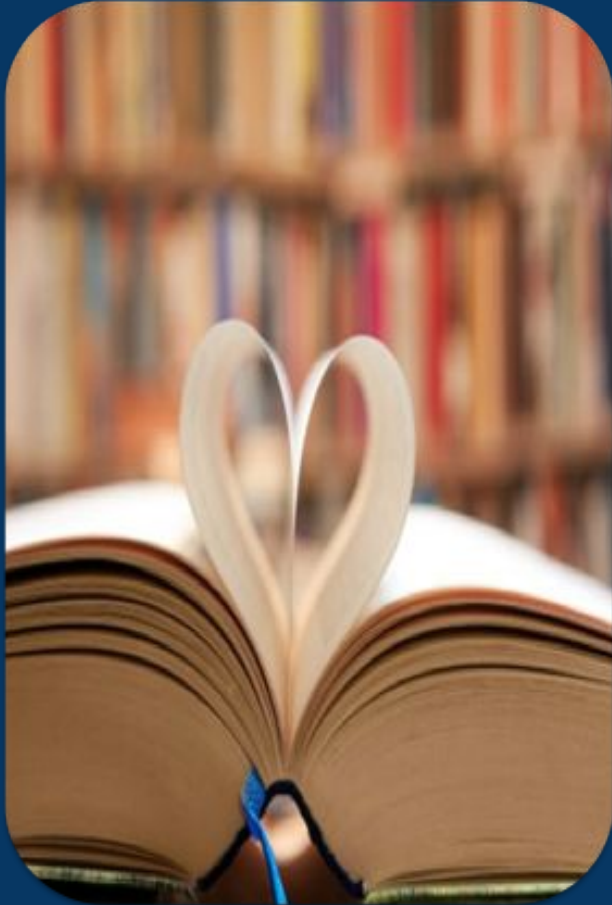


- **Fiction**
 - **Short stories**
 - **Poetry**
 - **Novels**
 - **Drama**
- **Non-fiction**
 - **Informational and explanatory**
 - **Personal and argumentative essays**
 - **Speeches**
- **Book Clubs (Literature Circles)**

WHOLE CLASS NOVELS



ONGOING ASSIGNMENTS



- Article of the Week
- Read 800,000 words
 - Q1 - 200,000 words
- Quarterly Book Talks
 - Q1 - October 13th

□ Builds vocabulary, reading comprehension, and fluency

□ Makes it possible for students to read more complex material

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"	Student "B"	Student "C"
reads 20 minutes each day	reads 5 minutes each day	reads 1 minute each day
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

282,000 words



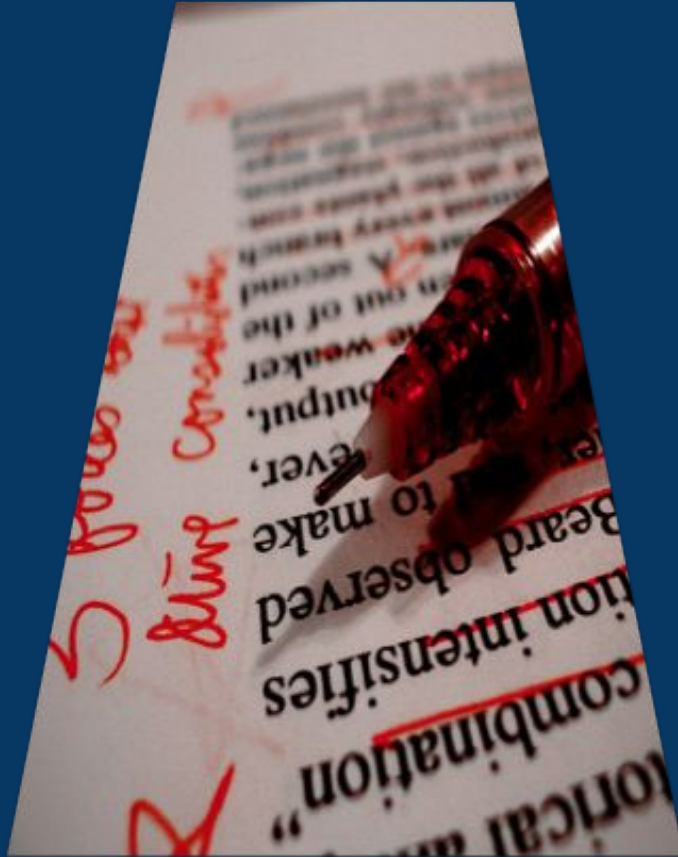
50th percentile

8,000 words



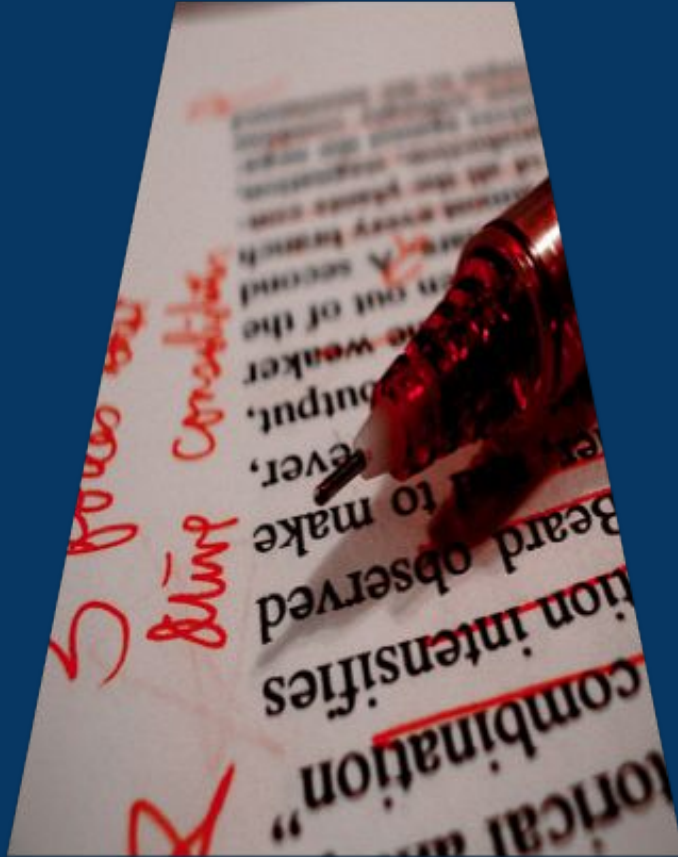
10th percentile

WRITING FOCUS



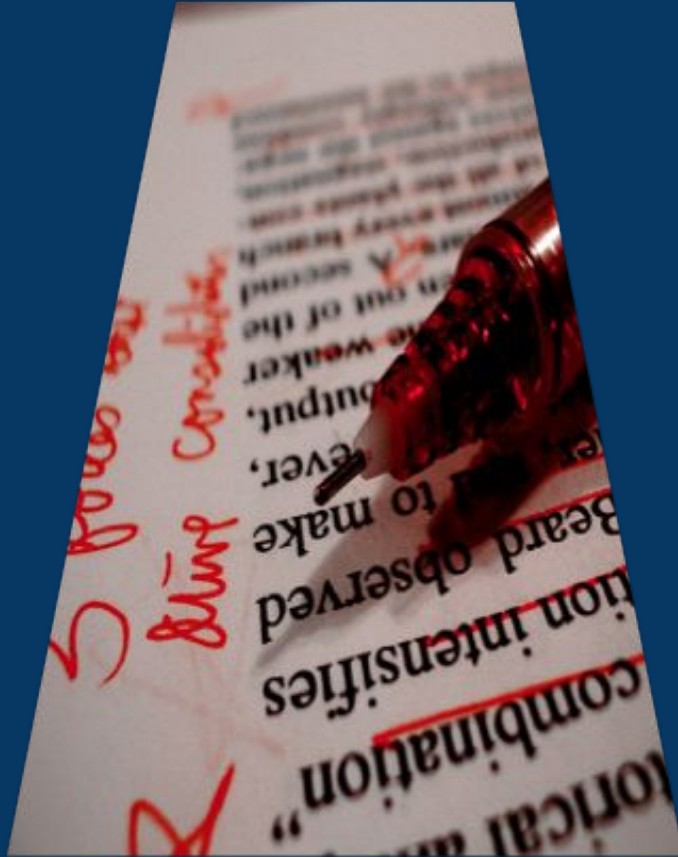
- Argument
- Narrative
- Informational
- Academic Summary

WRITING/SPEAKING - ERWC MODULES



- Emphasizes expository and argumentative reading/writing
- Prepares students to meet the academic demands of high school, college, and beyond
- Aligns with the Common Core

WRITING/SPEAKING - ERWC MODULES



- **Module Themes:**
 - **What It Takes to Be Great**
 - **Social Networking**
 - **Bottled Water vs. Tap Water**
 - **When Is Lying Okay**
 - **Helicopter Parents**
 - **Robots In School**
 - **Impact of Celebrities**
 - **College Experience**

GOOGLE CLASSROOM



- **Guardian Email Summaries**
 - **daily or weekly**
 - **missing work, upcoming work, class activity**
- **Invitation sent via email**



STREAM

CLASSMATES

ABOUT

Woohoo, no work due soon!

VIEW ALL



Jennifer Anderson
8:11 AM (Edited 8:12 AM)

NOT DONE



Due Oct 14, 11:59 PM

OPEN

Quarter 1 - Outside Reading Tracker

Goal - 175,000 words



Add class comment...



Jennifer Anderson
Aug 22 (Edited Aug 22)



DONE



Due Today

What is a growth and fixed mindset? How do both mindsets view obstacles? How can you have a growth mindset this school year?



1. Respond to the questions by the beginning of class on Tuesday

APPS FOR SUCCESS



Free Books



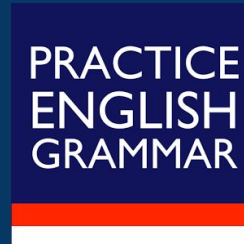
Google Drive



Google Classroom



Quizlet



Grammar Practice

CLASSROOM WISHLIST

- ❑ Kleenex
- ❑ Smarties, Dum Dums, Nerds
(or other wrapped candy)
- ❑ Colored copy paper and
cardstock
- ❑ Post-it Notes
- ❑ College ruled binder paper



SOMEHOW WE'VE COME TO BELIEVE THAT GREATNESS IS ONLY FOR THE CHOSEN FEW, FOR THE SUPERSTARS. THE TRUTH IS, GREATNESS IS FOR US ALL. THIS IS NOT ABOUT LOWERING EXPECTATIONS; IT'S ABOUT RAISING THEM FOR EVERY LAST ONE OF US. GREATNESS IS NOT IN ONE SPECIAL PLACE, AND IT'S NOT IN ONE SPECIAL PERSON. GREATNESS IS WHEREVER SOMEBODY IS TRYING TO FIND IT.

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**THANK YOU
FOR COMING!**

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