“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.”
 ~ [Dr. Seuss](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/61105.Dr_Seuss), [*I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!*](http://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/2333951)

**Course Outline 2019-2020**

English Language Arts

Students will be experimenting with a wide variety of communication methods including novels, short stories, news articles, magazines, poetry, music, movies, web resources and advertising.

Learning activities will be organized around the six strands of ELA -reading, writing, viewing, speaking, listening, and representing. As you are now in a credit system for high school, the expectations of your written and spoken communication will be increased, to meet the standards that the English Department at LSRCHS require.

**Assessment**

**Assignments/Projects**

Projects, classroom activities and daily work will comprise the majority of the ELA mark.

**Tests/Quizzes**

There will be some quizzes/tests, focused mainly on comprehension for the novel studies we complete. There will be NO final ELA exam in June.

All work **must** be completed by agreed upon due dates. Incomplete and late assignments will be accepted past due dates, so please make every effort to complete all work so that your assessment is an accurate reflection of your learning.

Welcome to Gr. 8 ELA. I look forward to working with you this year. I believe that cooperation and communication will be key elements in your success.

Students will have the opportunity to engage in a wide variety of learning experiences in ELA this year. Each unit of study will incorporate analytical and creative responses to various forms of literature and informational media.

In Grade 9 ELA, we will be exploring the overall themes of Emotions and Mystery.

I will be introducing 3 novel studies in Grade 9: The Pigman, Shooter, and The Boy in the Striped Pajamas. If time permits, I would also like to introduce British mystery writer Agatha Christie to you and her novel The Murder of Roger Ackroyd.

English Language Arts helps students become confident, creative, and competent in their use of English for a variety of purposes, including learning, enjoyment, and communication.

I hope we can build upon your skills and comfort in being a powerful communicator as you prepare to move to Grade 10 and beyond.

**\*\*** Please feel free to see me at lunch or in the mornings/after school for any assistance. **\*\***



***Supplies***

**All students are expected to come to class prepared with:**

\*binder (including loose-leaf paper and dividers)

\*pencils, erasers, and pens

\*Silent Reading book

(Mon, Wed, Fri and Library days – Day 4)

\*memory stick

**\***water bottle **(optional)**