

## Course Outline

**Grade level:** eighth                      **Course number:** EN08

**Course Name:** General English

**Course Description:** This course includes the study of composition (writing), literature, spelling, grammar, and study skills.

**Course objectives:**

1. Students will use the writing process in order to draft, compose, revise, and edit multiple forms of writing.
2. Students will identify and evaluate various sources used in research.
3. Students will know how to acquire and use new vocabulary in relevant contexts.
4. Students should know, and be able to, identify, analyze, and apply knowledge of the structure and elements of literature.
5. Students should know and be able to explain basic elements of argument in text and their relationship to the author's purpose and use of persuasive strategies.

**Course Content:**

Reading:

AIMS test prep

Drama, *The Diary of Anne Frank*

Epic: *World Myths and Folk Tales*

Literary Elements

Non-fiction, Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream"

Non-fiction, *Harriet Tubman*

Non-fiction, *Rosa Parks*

Novel, *The Fighting Ground*

Novel, *The Red Badge of Courage*

Novel, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglas*

Novel, *The Hobbit*

Novel, *The Light in the Forest*

Novel, *Tangerine*

Novel, *The House of Dies Drear*

Novel, *Treasure Island*

Poetry

Short Story

Vocabulary

Writing:

AIMS Test Prep

Daily Oral Language

Editing

Grammar

Literary Analysis

Paragraph writing

Personal Narrative

Business Documents

Poetry

Research Paper

Revise

Six Traits of Writing

Spelling

Literary Response

Vocabulary

Testing:

Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (Reading and Writing)

District Test (Writing: Persuasive Essay)

The selection of reading and writing materials is at the sole discretion of the teacher as long as the materials fit within Mesa Public Schools policies and curriculum. Reading and writing materials are subject to change throughout the semester.