

English Language Arts Page

Spectrum High School English Language Arts Department Philosophy

Reading opens doors and is utilized in every subject and in all facets of post-educational life.

The entire Spectrum community utilizes reading and writing strategies to ensure students are prepared for college and career expectations. As students master reading and writing skills, they must learn to think, to raise questions, to communicate clearly, to understand themselves and others, to appreciate the art of literature and writing, and to make sense of a diverse and complex world.

Spectrum High School English Language Arts Department Goals

- Understand the power of words and images to transform lives and provide insight into the experiences of others and understanding of cultures and historical periods.
- Read widely to understand multiple perspectives and pluralistic viewpoints.
- Critically analyze media and text when seeking answers.
- Communicate ideas effectively in writing and in speaking to suit a particular audience and purpose.
- Self select texts for personal enjoyment.

Curriculum Resources

Grade 9

Textbooks:

The Language of Literature, McDougall Littell

Anchor Texts/Novels:

To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee

Grade 10

Textbooks:

Literature: American Literature, McDougal Littell

Glencoe Writer's Choice; Grammar and Composition, MacMillan/McGraw-Hill

Anchor Texts/Novels:

Fahrenheit 451, Ray Bradbury

Into the Wild, Jon Krakauer

The Crucible, Arthur Miller

The Great Gatsby, F. Scott Fitzgerald

Grade 11

Textbooks:

The Language of Literature, McDougall Littell
Glencoe Writer's Choice; Grammar and Composition

Anchor Texts/Novels:

Antigone, Sophocles
Beowulf, Old English epic poem
Hamlet, William Shakespeare
LeMorte d'Arthur, Thomas Malory
Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, anonymous Gawain poet

Grade 12

Textbooks:

The Language of Literature, McDougall Littell

Anchor Texts/Novels:

A Raisin in the Sun, Lorraine Hansberry
The Soloist, Steve Lopez
The Things They Carried, Tim O'Brien
Where the Crawdads Sing, Della Owens
Born a Crime, Trevor Noah
Same Kind of Different as Me, Ron Hall & Denver Moore

Standards and Content Resources

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