

WELCOME, PARENTS AND STUDENTS!

**BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
MENDEZ 2017-2018**

Ms. Park

8th grade English Language Arts – Honors

Media Journalism Elective

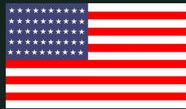


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ABOUT MS. PARK

GOOD MORNING Mendez



GATE

GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION



Let's grow!

BIG IDEA: "THIS AMERICAN LIFE"

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

- 1. Demonstrate creativity, collaboration, critical thinking and communication skills on a daily basis.**
- 2. Actively engage in a project-based learning community with a mindset focused on growth and discovery.**
- 3. Use analytical skills to explore literary works and examine informational texts that teach us about the world we live in.**
- 4. Expand our vocabulary, sharpen our grammar, and work towards becoming effective writers.**
- 5. Participate in scholarly discussions about rigorous literary and non-fiction works.**

THIS COURSE IS CHALLENGING!

"Everything that you taught me in eighth grade has really helped me in my English class. Everything from having a growth mindset to imagery. Now my freshmen year I am the first one to raise my hand when they ask questions about metaphors, imagery, verbs and everything in general."

- Oscar P.

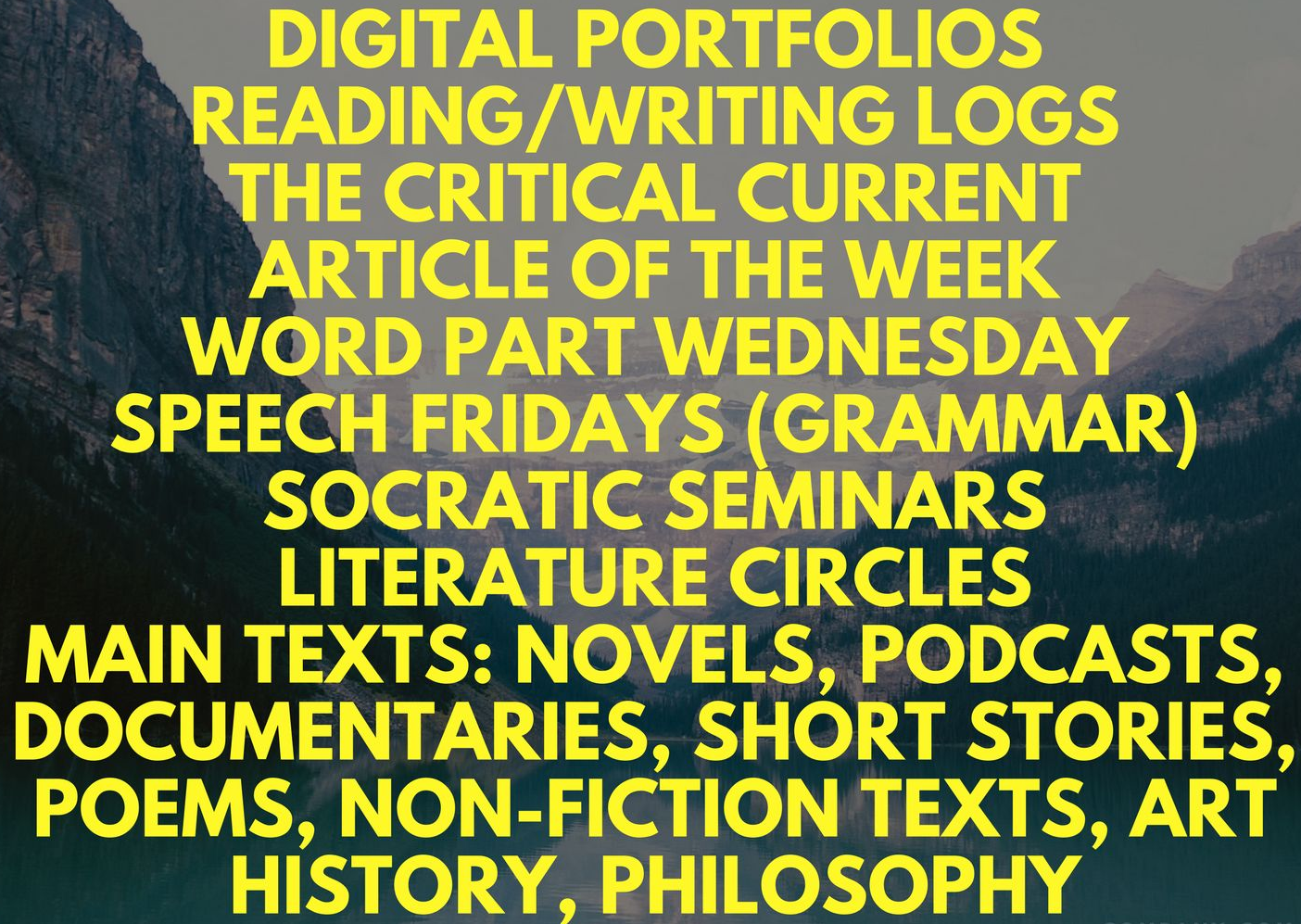
"Not only did we become better writers in your class, but we became better students in the end. Through all the hard work we did in your class, you showed us how to be determined and push through and be mindful of others ideas and thoughts. Collaboration was one of the biggest skills I picked up from your class and one that I improved in a lot. After a long year, I am proud of the improvements I now see and the skills that I will take with me here at Brooks!"

- Janelle U-L.

"High School is so easy. They're teaching us what you taught us in 8th grade. You were right when you told us 8th grade was hard but 9th grade will be easy."

- Jonathan P-G.

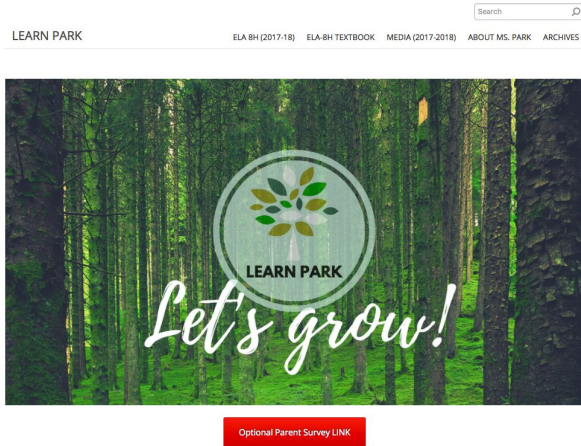
"The GATE program at Mendez makes students strive to create work that provokes thought and challenges students to always be their best." - Emily O.

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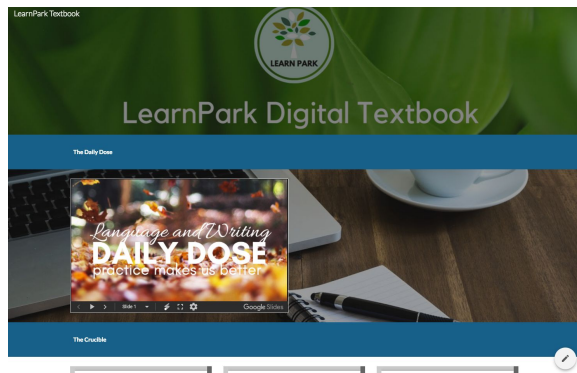
DIGITAL PORTFOLIOS
READING/WRITING LOGS
THE CRITICAL CURRENT
ARTICLE OF THE WEEK
WORD PART WEDNESDAY
SPEECH FRIDAYS (GRAMMAR)
SOCRATIC SEMINARS
LITERATURE CIRCLES
MAIN TEXTS: NOVELS, PODCASTS,
DOCUMENTARIES, SHORT STORIES,
POEMS, NON-FICTION TEXTS, ART
HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY

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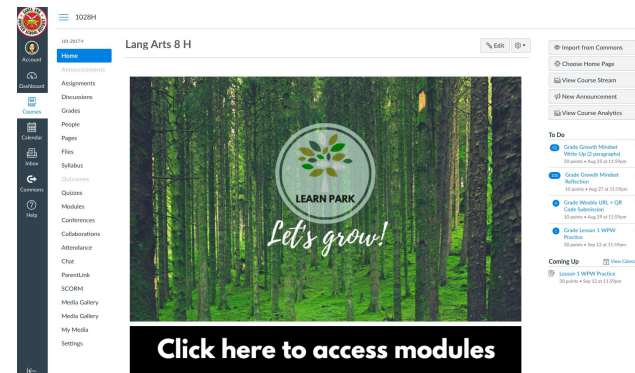
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textbook



canvas



DETAILS.

- GATE CURRICULUM + COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS
- Late work is NOT accepted. Extensions are given 24hr in advance.
- There is NO EXTRA CREDIT and NO grade changes (rounding up).
- 70% ASSESSMENT + 30% CLASSWORK/HOMEWORK
- Internet Access is important to complete assignments (CANVAS INSTRUCTURE, GOOGLE CLASSROOM, GOOGLE DRIVE)
- Social Media AND Novel Purchases are NOT REQUIRED
- Check AERIES, not Canvas, for UP-TO-DATE GRADES
- OFFICE HOURS - Monday through Friday 7:30 - 7:55 am
- AFTER-SCHOOL HELP - By appointment (Tuesdays and Thursdays after school)

**THIS CLASS WILL BE CHALLENGING,
BUT IT WILL BE WORTH IT!**

HABITS

Scholarly habits that are the foundations for academic success: Study skills, autonomy, effective writing, confidence in communication, technology skills)

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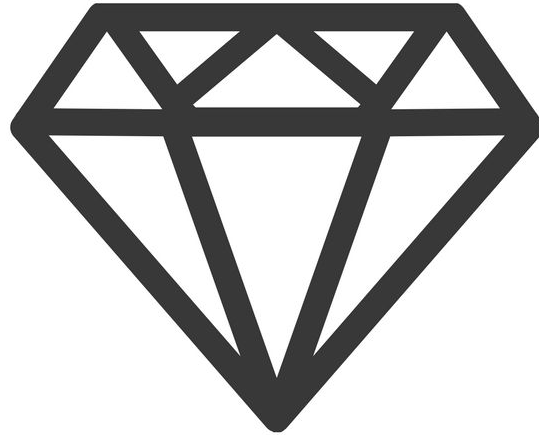
Students will develop an enthusiasm to LEARN, experience genuine CURIOSITY, and feel EMPOWERED through knowledge.

FUTURE

Students will DREAM BIG DREAMS, and know HOW to make those dreams realities. This class will be an important stepping stone on a GOAL-ORIENTED pathway to success.

GATE SYMPOSIUM - JAN - FEBRUARY - MARCH - 2017

BE READY!



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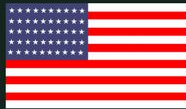


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OVERVIEW

- 1. WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS - tutorials/articles (25%)**
- 2. JOB ROLES/TASKS (25%)**
- 3. COLLABORATION & COMMITMENT (30%)**
- 4. SCRIPT/STORYBOARD per 6 weeks (20%)**

**TEAMWORK +
COLLABORATION**

CREATIVITY

**CONFIDENCE
IN PUBLIC
SPEAKING**

TECH SKILLS

**INDUSTRY
INSIGHT**

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, & FRIDAYS

WATCH + SUBSCRIBE!



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**THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER
7th, 2017**

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