

Information for Course Syllabus

On March 29th, 2016, [Public Chapter 660](#) was signed into law. This statute requires a syllabus be made publicly available for all grades six (6) through twelve (12) social studies, science, math, and English language arts courses beginning with the 2016-17 school year. The syllabus for each course must include a course calendar that outlines the standards, objectives, and topics covered in the course; major assignments and field trips; and procedures for parental access to instructional materials.

We are going to help with providing this information on our Website; therefore, please complete the following form in your collaborative team and provide requested material. We need one completed form per course per grade level. This information is due by **September 1**. Thank you!

Name of Course: Grade 8 English Language Arts

Grade Level: 8

School: Robertsville

Major Assignments: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Year-long:

- Independent Reading Program
- Writing Modes Study = Informational, Argumentative, and Narrative Units

Term 1:

Unit 8A: Perspectives & Narrative

- Excerpts from *Going Solo* by Roald Dahl
- "Fish Cheeks" by Amy Tan
- "My Mother's Garden" by Kaitlyn Greenidge

Term 2:

Unit 8B: Liberty & Equality

- *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*
- Gettysburg Address

Unit 8C: Science & Science Fiction

- *Gris Grisly's Frankenstein*

Term 3:

Unit 8D: Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet

- Excerpts from *Romeo and Juliet*

Unit 8F: The Space Race

- Various non-fiction resources

Term 4:

Unit 8E: Holocaust: Memory & Meaning

Excerpts from:

- *Shores Beyond Shores*
- *A Child of Hitler: Germany in the Days When God Wore Swastika*
- *Maus I: My Father Bleeds History*
- *Night*
- *All But My Life* by Gerda Weissman Klein (Advanced – full text)

Field Trips: None

How can parents access instructional materials? All instructional materials and directions are posted in Canvas. Other external sites such as Amplify, IXL, Nearpod, Flipgrid, etc. are used, but instructions are always linked through Canvas.