



SLCA SYLLABUS 2018-2019

COMPOSITION 8

Mission Statement: SouthLake Christian Academy exists for the sake of God's glory and mission; proclaiming the gospel and discipling the whole person in all aspects of God's reality.

Course Description: The purpose of eighth grade composition is to provide a solid foundation in the use of Standard English by continuing to develop the conventions of grammar and language usage through focusing on the parts of speech studied in the seventh grade. Students will continue to develop the writing process.

Course Objectives:

- To learn and apply the conventions of grammar and language usage.
- To demonstrate a thorough knowledge of correct grammar.
- Identify the parts of speech and understand how they are used within sentences.
- To use written and spoken language conventions skillfully.
- To learn and apply MLA Format.

Text: Composition: Institute for Excellence in Writing for Grade 8 (provided by SLCA).

Grammar: Shurley Grammar Level 8 (provided by SLCA).

Evaluation:

Composition 8 will be evaluated as follows:

- **Homework Policy** – Homework and class work will make up 10% of the overall grade. Homework will be assigned and checked for completion. All students begin the semester with a 100% homework grade. For each assignment not completed, 3 points will be subtracted. For example, if three homework assignments are not completed, then the overall homework grade would be 91%. No credit will be given for late assignments.
- **Quizzes** constitute 20% of the grade. Quizzes **may or may not** be announced.
- **Tests/Term Papers/Projects** comprise 70% of a student's grade. Three major tests scores will be included in each nine weeks. For each day a student is late turning in a major paper worth a test grade, ten points will be deducted from the total grade.
- **No extra credit** will be offered per school policy.

Test Makeup Policy

- All tests must be made up as soon as possible. Students are responsible to make arrangements with the teacher for completing missed tests.
- Students must complete the test in the allotted time designated by their teacher.

Classroom Expectations:

- Follow all rules and procedures in the SouthLake Student Handbook.
- Respect your teacher and other students. Matthew 7:12
- Come prepared with your textbook, paper, and writing utensil. I timothy 6: 18-19
- Be diligent in your work. Colossians 3: 23-24
- Display academic honesty. Proverbs 12:17-22

Required Supplies:

- Notebook paper
- Pencils, blue or black pens, and red pens for corrections