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**Goal Setting**

Goal setting is a powerful process for thinking about your ideal future, and for motivating yourself to turn your vision into reality. Part of Grade 8 English Language Arts includes setting goals.

**Outcome: Set Goals** (1.1.5)

Self-monitor growth in language learning and use, using predetermined criteria.

You will be creating a Literacy Portfolio instead of a final exam in June.

**Literacy Portfolio**

A portfolio is a place to showcase your best work and to display the range of your achievements in listening, speaking, reading, writing, viewing, and representing. It should contain samples demonstrating both your accomplishments and your growth as a student of ELA. It is also a tool for self-assessment and reflection. In choosing work for your portfolio, you will be focusing on your achievements and the learning they demonstrate.

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| **What do you think you are doing best in English Language Arts?** **Identify your strengths below:** |
| **What do you think you have trouble with in English Language Arts?****Identify your weaknesses below:** |

For grade 8 you will be setting goals in 4 different areas:

* **Reading**
* **Listening and Viewing**
* **Writing**
* **Speaking and Representing**

Some ideas to help you set your own goals. Remember these aren’t all the goal-setting options available to you.

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| **Reading*** Reading Novels / short stories / poetry
* Time Management
* Improving Comprehension (understanding
* Improving enjoyment
* Exploring different genres / authors / types of novels
 | **Listening and Viewing*** Focus better on teacher
* Improve participation in group projects
* Work on viewing/understanding poetry
* Improve discussion skills
* Improve & be more comfortable contributing to the group
* Improve viewing skills in regards to videos / movies
* Understand the authors point of view
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| **Writing*** Improve drafting
* Improve sentence structure
* Improve paragraph writing
* Improve topic sentences
* Improve concluding sentences
* Work on time management
* Use class time wisely
* Work on grammar
* Work on different writing styles
* Learn how to research
* Improve editing
 | **Speaking and Representing*** Improve public speaking or presentations
* Learn how to debate
* Learn how to better express ideas (representing)
* Learn how to respond to texts
* Learn how to organize your ideas
* Respond to questions more in- depth
* Learn how to create posters with impact
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For each goal you set you must consider the following areas:

1. **Strengths** (what are my strengths in this area of focus?)
2. **Challenges** (what are my challenges in this area of focus?)
3. **My Goal** (what is my goal for this area of focus?)
4. **What will I do to achieve my goal?** (How will I achieve my goal in this area of focus?)

**Some goal writing tips:**

* Don’t stress or worry too much! Goal setting can be difficult.
* Write in point form!
* Target date will be June 2015!!!