

# Overview

In seventh grade English Language Arts, we will be reading, writing, and speaking extensively. Our writing will include both expository/informational and narrative pieces, with a focus on detail. In addition, we will be studying grammar, sentence structure, and paragraph construction while producing our own written work. We will learn and practice the writing process and writer's craft throughout the year using methods such as in-class, weekly, and extended writing tasks.

Throughout the year, novels, short stories, articles, and other forms of informational text will guide our exploration of the written word and will be used in conjunction with our writing program

Although these types of texts and writing formats will be woven together throughout our course of study, the year is generally organized into the following units:

- ❖ Evidence-Based Writing
- ❖ Individual Differences
- ❖ Life's Lessons
- ❖ My Place in this World

# Essential Learnings

- ✓ I can analyze similar themes across multiple texts by comparing the development of those themes as well as the specific details surrounding them.
- ✓ I can support my analysis and understanding of a text by citing relevant details from that text.
- ✓ I can analyze the author's development of characters, ideas/themes, setting, and the structure of the text.
- ✓ I can analyze and evaluate how effective an argument is.
- ✓ I can determine the author's purpose in a text and analyze the effect it has on the text itself.
- ✓ I can analyze literary devices as well as word choice in order to better understand a text.
- ✓ I can determine the meaning of words using context clues and roots, prefixes, and suffixes.
- ✓ I can use English grammar and conventions correctly and appropriately.
- ✓ I can apply the writing process through planning, drafting, revising, and editing.
- ✓ I can produce quality narrative texts.
- ✓ I can write effective informational texts.

# 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

# English Language Arts



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# Expectations

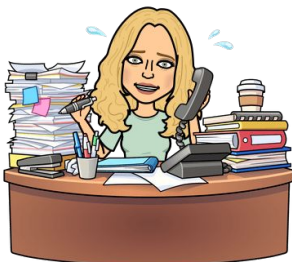
*be kind  
work hard  
stay engaged*

Besides the rules set forth in the student handbook, there is one very basic "rule" to remember in 7<sup>th</sup> grade English Language Arts – **We do not cause problems for ourselves or others.** Specifically, the students will be expected to follow these guidelines:

1. Listen and follow directions.
2. Wait to be acknowledged before speaking.
3. Keep your hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
4. Treat your classmates and your teacher with respect.
5. Use technology appropriately.

# Required Materials

- ✓ ELA Binder
- ✓ Pens or Pencils
- ✓ Current novel/text
- ✓ A positive attitude



# Grades

**Your grades will be based on the following:**

- ❖ In-class or homework assignments
- ❖ Writing assignments
- ❖ Quizzes/Tests/Projects (usually writing-focused; occasionally multiple-choice or matching)

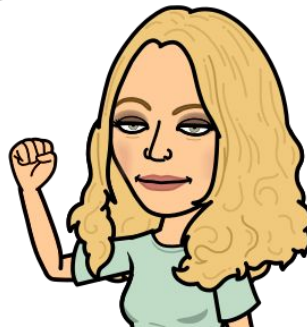
\*Please see Google Classroom for information on the standards-based grading system I use to communicate students' levels of proficiency on many assessments.

## **MAKE-UP WORK:**

When absent, please check the work folders and Google Classroom for missed work.

**\*It is your responsibility to make up missed assignments/assessments.**

# **WE GOT THIS!**



# Technology

We will utilize Google Classroom daily. You must join my class by going to [classroom.google.com](https://classroom.google.com) and entering this code:

- **1<sup>st</sup> Hour:** bcuvs4x
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Hour (M/W):** 6g2b7sm
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Hour (T/Th):** 5nwc3ti
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Hour:** w6ydx3n
- **4<sup>th</sup> Hour:** 7irdeqk
- **5<sup>th</sup> Hour:** fnpmvjq



# Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty will **NOT** be tolerated under any circumstances. Cheating, copying, or plagiarizing in any form will result in the following consequences:

- failure of the assignment
- disciplinary referral
- parent contact



**JUST DON'T DO IT.**