



# 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS

## Goals and Objectives:

Creative and traditional methods are used to teach the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Common Core State Standards. **This class is specifically designed to increase proficiency in the areas of reading, vocabulary development, writing, listening/speaking, viewing, and the conventions of grammar and will comprise 100% of your grade in this course.** Students will have multiple opportunities to demonstrate skill level through classroom assignments, individual and group activities, projects, literary units, individual and group oral presentations, and district assessments.

## Materials Needed Daily:

Student ID card; independent reading novel for the "40 Book Challenge"; Study Sync consumable textbooks; composition book to secure notes and vocabulary; **a dedicated language arts 3-ring binder to hold all of your issued materials—essential for maintaining organization in this course;** notebook paper; pencils; a highlighter; colored pen for correcting; and homework assignments. Unauthorized electronic devices are not permitted in class; however, cell phone use may be permitted per instruction from your teacher. Due to privacy concerns, unauthorized taping or recording is not permitted at any time.

## Language Arts Course Syllabus

### 4 Units in the Year: Informational, Narrative, Compare/Contrast, Argument

#### \*1<sup>st</sup> Semester

Writing: Informational Essays  
Object. Summaries/Constructed Responses  
Fictional Narratives

Reading: Textbook: Informational, Fiction,  
Poetry, Literature; Supplemental Sources;  
Whole Group Classroom Novel;  
Common Core Exemplars;  
The "40 Book Challenge" (Independent)

Listening/  
Speaking and  
Viewing: Class Discussions/Presentations for:

- Socratic Seminars
- Google Slides Projects
- Poetry
- Book Presentations (1/semester)

Vocabulary: Wordly Wise  
Common Core Academic and Literature-Specific Vocabulary Lessons

Grammar &  
Conventions: Foundational practice using several sources

#### \*2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

Writing: Compare/Contrast Essays  
Constructed Responses  
Argument Essays

Reading: Textbook: Historical Non-Fiction/Fiction;  
Rhetorical Articles; Supplemental Sources;  
Whole Group Classroom Novel;  
Common Core Exemplars;  
The "40 Book Challenge" (Independent)

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### IMPORTANT:

Visit your teacher's 7<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts website often and **if you have been absent, you must look to see what you have missed and make it up!** Due dates, details, resources and more can all be found on your teacher's language arts website.