

7th Grade English Language Arts
Central Magnet School



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Website: Accessible from the CMS website

Textbook: Students will be issued a book to keep at home. A class set will be available in the classroom, so students do not need to carry their textbook to and from home each day.

1. Course Description: Seventh grade students will continue to build on previous years' skills in the areas of reading and writing.

2. Areas of Study:

- Literature – *citing textual evidence; analyzing central ideas, theme development, and the interaction of story elements; vocabulary; text structure and form; comprehension of complex texts*
- Informational Text – *citing textual evidence; analyzing central ideas and the interaction of places, people, and events; vocabulary; text structure and form; point of view; analyzing arguments; comprehension of complex texts*
- Writing – *narratives, informative essays, argumentative essays*
- Language – *sentence structure, capitalization, punctuation, context clues, Latin & Greek roots, analogies, figurative language, denotation & connotation*
- Speaking & Listening– *small group and whole class discussions, oral presentations*

3. Coursework:

Tests/Quizzes

Students will be assessed over information covered in class and through homework.

Projects/Essays

Projects and essays will be announced ahead of time, and students will have class time to work on them. It is expected that students have all necessary materials to work on these assignments in class.

Homework

Students will periodically be assigned homework. These assignments will be announced and will typically be due the next class day. There are two categories of homework: completion and accuracy.

- Completion grades will be assigned a score of 0-4, depending on the amount of work completed. At the end of each quarter, students will earn an overall homework grade for their assignments. For example, if a student completes 4 out of 5 completion assignments, he would earn 16/20 for the quarter. **NO LATE COMPLETION HOMEWORK WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- Accuracy grades will be calculated as every other assignment using the total points system.

Notebook & Folder

Students will be required to maintain a notebook for this class. The notebook should contain class notes, reading annotations, etc. All handouts should be kept in the folder for easy reference, and both materials need to be brought to class daily.

Grading Scale:

A	93-100
B	85-92
C	75-84
D	70-74
F	Below 70

4. Make-up Work: It is the *student's responsibility* to make up any missed assignments/tests/etc. Students have five school days from the date of their return to make up any missed work. If the work is not completed during that time, late points will be deducted. If a student misses a test or quiz, then it is the *student's responsibility* to schedule a time to take the missed assessment. Make-up tests and quizzes may be altered from the class version.

5. Late Work: All work is due at the beginning of the class period, unless otherwise stated. 10% will be deducted for each day an assignment is late. **NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED THE LAST WEEK OF THE GRADING PERIOD.**

6. Classroom Rules:

- **Be Prompt:** Enter class quietly and orderly. Please be seated before the tardy bell.
- **Be Prepared:** Please bring pencil and/or pen, paper, textbook, and notebook to class every day.
- **Be Polite:** Treat others with respect; accept the consequences of your actions.
- Students will obey all Central Magnet rules and policies.

7. Materials/Supplies

- Notebook (*required*)
- Pens/Pencils
- Folder (*required*)
- Scissors
- Paper
- Erasers
- Agenda
- Glue stick

8. Restrooms: Students should make every effort to use the restroom during class change times. Students will only be allowed to leave class in the event of an emergency.