



## Lake Asbury Junior High School District of Clay County

### MS. GUZMAN'S JUNIOR HIGH COURSE SYLLABUS

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

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#### Course Description

Seventh grade English Language Arts is the study of skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Students will develop comprehension and communication skills. Students will develop reading strategies that they will be required to apply during independent and classroom reading. Students will use the writing process to communicate effectively and efficiently.

#### Textbooks/Workbooks

McDougal Littell 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature

Houghton Mifflin 7<sup>th</sup> English Grammar

\*Advanced: Vocabulary Workshop

Because classroom sets of textbooks will be provided, students will not be required to bring their books to class on a daily basis; however, students can check out a copy of the text on an as needed basis. Students will be able to access the literature textbook from home through [www.classzone.com](http://www.classzone.com). Internet Access is an *Essential Tool* in this class!

#### Course Outline

##### Quarter 1

- Citing Textual Evidence
- Analyzing Points of View
- Determine Central Ideas
- Write an Objective Summary
- Analyze Text Structure
- Write Informative Texts
- Conduct Short Research Projects

##### Quarter 2

- Determine Theme
- Analyze Elements of a Story
- Compare/Contrast a Fictional Portrayal of Time, Place, or Character to a Historical Account of Same Period
- Determine Author's Point of View and Purpose
- Compare/Contrast Texts
- Trace and Evaluate Claims in a Text
- Write Arguments to Support Claims

##### Quarter 3

- Citing Evidence to Support Inferences
- Analyze how a Drama's or Poem's Structure Contribute to its Meaning
- Compare/Contrast Texts
- Analyze Development of Central Ideas
- Analyze Structure Used to Organize Texts
- Information Writing with Clear and Valid Support

##### Quarter 4

- Analyze Development of Theme/Central Idea
- Analyze How Elements of a Story/Drama Interact
- Analyze Contrasting Points of View
- Cite Textual Evidence to Support Analysis
- Write Explanatory Texts with Relevant Support
- Write Narratives
- Conduct Short Research Projects

**\*Speaking, Listening, Vocabulary, and Language Standards will be addressed throughout the entire school year.**

## Materials

- Plastic 3 Prong/Pocket Folder
- Notebook Paper
- 2 Composition Books (any color)
- Highlighters: Yellow, Pink, and Green
- Colored Pencils (12 pack is fine)
- Writing Utensils (Pencils/ Blue/Black Pens)
- A Glue Stick or Two
- **Recommended:** USB Flash Drive...To be used for all subject areas 😊
- **Highly Recommended:** Daily Planner to track ALL Homework for ALL Classes!

## Grading Scale

90-100 A  
80-89 B  
70-79 C  
60-69 D  
0-59 F

## Grading Categories

Classwork 50%  
Tests/Quizzes & Projects 30%  
Homework 10%  
Participation 10%

## Late Work

1 Day Late = 20% Off Earned Grade  
2 or More Days Late = 40% Off Earned Grade

## Homework

Homework is an effective tool in developing responsibility, study habits, and skills. It is a purposeful extension of the learning process. It will be assigned on an as needed basis. Any work not finished in class can be brought home to be completed and returned the next day.

## Quarterly Novel Project

Students will be required to read one fictional novel per quarter. Students may choose their own novel, but it must fit within the guidelines. The novel must be at least 200 pages in length and cannot have been made into a movie. It is the students' responsibility to research this information before they commit to reading the novel. Directions and project options can be viewed on the class website at <http://tigerbiz.weebly.com/> Focus.

## Tardy Policy

Parents will be contacted prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> tardy in the same class. At the 4<sup>th</sup> tardy and every subsequent tardy thereafter for the semester, a referral will be written.

## Additional Resources

- Students will also be able to login to a Private Google Hangout (App is a free download on Google Play/iTunes) for additional study and Learning opportunities. More information will be available at a later date regarding the specifics.
- Before School Tutoring will also be available as needed.

## Wishlist

- ✓ Old Magazines
- ✓ Glue Sticks
- ✓ Hand Sanitizer
- ✓ Tissues or Rolls of Toilet Paper (Great for Tissues) 😊