



6th Grade English Language Arts Course Syllabus Peekskill Middle School 2021-22

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Class Description: This year we will read a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts including novels, short stories, dramas and poetry. Assignments will include responses to reading (RACCEE), journal writing, essays, critiques, creative projects and AWARD reading projects. (One a quarter.) Vocabulary will also be an important part of this class. Since we are a community of learners, please also expect to work periodically in group situations and to present information to your peers in groups or individually.

Please understand that for your AWARD assignments, at-home reading is expected every night and is a component of our course. You will be held accountable for at-home reading by various methods.

Our major units of study will include but are not limited to:

- Short Stories /Non-fiction
- Historical fiction
- Greek Mythology
- Poetry
- Vocabulary throughout year

Infinite Campus:

You are able to see your up-to-date class average and assignment grades at any time on the Infinite Campus website. Your parents must obtain a username and password from the main office. Check this site often to see if you are missing assignments in ELA.

Google Classroom:

Our Google Classroom is an important component in this class. Please check it daily to see daily/weekly assignments, as well as important information covered in class.

Grading Policy:

In our class, you will be graded informally and formally each day, using several different types of assessments. Here is the breakdown:

***Citizenship, Participation and Effort - 10%**

***Classwork - 35%**

***Homework - 10%**

***Tests/Quizzes/Projects/Benchmark Writing - 45%**

Required Materials Everyday:

- * Planner that is given to you on the first day of school
- * Sharpened Pencils w/eraser (please no pens)
- * Independent Reading Book (any book you are reading)
- * Folder with pockets
- * Marble Composition Notebook

Returned Work:

All work will be graded and returned in-class in a timely manner. Please allow a while longer for lengthier writing assignments. Students will have an opportunity to review their graded work, and then they will be asked to file the assignments into their class portfolios. Portfolios are used to gauge student progress throughout the year. Online Google assignments do not have to be printed; they can be attached to the assignment posted online.

Assignments: All assignments must be submitted by the given due date and are due at the beginning of the class period unless otherwise stated. All homework is due the next day unless otherwise stated. After 4 days late, a passing grade will no longer be given.

Late Assignments/Missed Work: Any assignments not received on or before the due date are considered late. In order to receive full credit for any missed assignments, students must have an excusable absence, tardy, or early dismissal. It is the your (student's) responsibility to check with the teacher regarding any late/missed assignments and their due date and if you are able to receive credit.

Cheating/Plagiarism

Cheating and/or plagiarism will not be tolerated and will result in an automatic grade of zero. This includes copying homework, classwork, test answers, talking during a test or quiz, allowing someone to copy your work, and trying to pass off someone else's work as your own.

Parents, please fill out the attached slip and return it to your child's ELA teacher by the end of the week.

Thanks very much!

Frank Cancro and Kristy Zupa

