

Yeager Middle School

6th grade English Language Arts Course Syllabus 2019 – 2020

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Planning Periods: 5th & 6th periods

Tutoring Times: by appointment

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School

Website: <http://yms.dcssga.org>

Goal: The objective of the English Language Arts program is to enable students to become readers, writers, listeners, speakers and interpreters of meaning. The middle school ELA course is designed to give all students an understanding of the standards, evidenced by narrative writing, response to literature, research/expository writing, and persuasive writing. Students will demonstrate their abilities in a variety of ways including tests, quizzes, essays, projects and daily assignments. This course will prepare the students for the End of Grade test in ELA that will be aligned with the Georgia Standards.

Content:

	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Reading	Literary	Informational	Informational	Literary
Focus:				
Writing Focus:	Narrative	Informative/ Explanatory	Argumentative	Information/Argument and preview of 7 th grade content

Textbook: Elements of Literature, various novels, short texts

Grading Scale:	Grading Weights:
A=100-90 B=89-80 C= 79-71 D=70 F=69 and below	50% Classwork
Assessments/CDAs	35%
	10% Homework
Participation	05%

ELA Notebook: The students will keep all assignments for each unit of study in the ELA section of their binder. The notebook will be used as a reference guide, which includes classwork and homework.

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Please detach and return to Mrs Cozart.

I have reviewed the 6th Grade English Language Arts Syllabus with my child and we understand the procedures and expectations.

Student Name: _____ Student Signature:

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____

- My child has access to the Internet to be able to complete HW online.
- My child DOES NOT have access to the Internet at this time to be able to complete HW online.

*** If this changes, please notify me in writing.**

Make Up Work Procedure: If a student must be absent, it is his/her responsibility to obtain make-up work and complete it in a reasonable amount of time. Students have 1 day for each day of an excused absence to complete **make up** work.

Late Work Procedure: Late work will be accepted one week after the due date and assessed a penalty of 20 points. All extended projects will be graded based on the guidelines in the grading rubric for each project. If a student is present in class, but chooses not to complete an assignment, the ability to earn partial credit will be determined after a discussion with the student or a parent.

Homework: Homework is assigned on Friday and is due by the **following** Friday. Homework must be completed on time. Late homework is not accepted. Additionally, students are expected to read for 30 minutes each day and take an AR test every 2 weeks. AR tests will count as a grade.

General Expectations

Students are required to maintain self-control and to follow class and school wide procedures that are discussed during the first few weeks of school and reinforced throughout the school year. Guidelines are outlined in the YMS Student Handbook.

My specific Building Blocks to Success are as follows:

- 1) Respect one another and be polite.
- 2) Listen carefully and follow directions.
- 3) Raise your hand and wait to be recognized before asking or answering a question.
- 4) Work quietly in your own space.
- 5) Keep hands, feet, and objects from hurting others or destroying property

Academic Dishonesty: Plagiarism, taking someone else's work and identifying it as your own, is not allowed. When this occurs, a parent will be contacted and the student will earn a zero. The student may earn a 50% if they acceptably complete the assignment within a week of parent contact.

Supplies: Students will need 1 composition book (100 pages please), pens, pencils, paper, a folder with prongs **and** 2 pockets, and their agenda each day. Occasionally we will use colored pencils, crayons, OR markers AND scissors and glue.

The following donations would be **greatly** appreciated (no child will be penalized for nonparticipation): 8 ½ X 14 legal copy paper (any color), colored copy paper, wipes, hand sanitizer, and dictionaries and/or thesauruses (Dollar Tree items are perfect).