

Course Outline for English/Language Arts
Grade 7

This course will follow the Standards for the English/Language Arts curriculum for grade 7 outlined in the DoDEA Curriculum Content Standards: www.dodea.edu

These standards include:

- Reading
- Writing
- Speaking, Listening, and Viewing
- Conventions of grammar and usage of the English language
- Literature

Textbooks and additional class room materials are:

- The Language of Literature (McDougall Littell)
- Elements of Writing (Harcourt Brace & Company)
- Newspapers
- Fiction and non-fiction books (SSR)

Students will be reading and analyzing literature from their anthology, as well as, reading for enjoying during SSR. This combination of reading activities will complete the DoDea standard of twenty-five books to be read during the school year.

Writing will involve work with the school wide intervention of the 6 plus 1 Traits of Writing. Each of the four writing styles (narrative, descriptive, expository, and persuasive) is explored. A library research paper highlights exposition and persuasion techniques. The mechanics and usage necessary for more complex composition skills will be highlighted.

Many class activities will involve students improving their communication skills through working in groups, conferencing one-to-one with a teacher, and preparing and delivering presentations of varying lengths.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Rules for Classroom 206:

1. Each student is to follow the school rules found in the West Point Middle School student handbook (found on-line).
2. Each student is to arrive on time to class. (exception: valid late pass to class)
3. Each student is to come into the classroom, take his/her assigned seat, and prepare himself/herself for the lesson of the day.
4. Each student is to be quiet and attentive during class instruction time.
5. Each student is to raise his/her hand to ask a question or make a request.
6. Each student is to bring a pen and pencil, a three-ring binder notebook, an assignment book , and the appropriate textbook to class daily. **TEXTBOOKS MUST BE COVERED.** Each student is to write his/her name and the book condition in the appropriate place within the text.
7. Students may **NOT** chew gum in class. No other candy is allowed in the classroom.
8. All homework is to be done for the following day (unless otherwise instructed) to gain full credit for its completion.
9. Each student is to keep all tests and quizzes in the designated notebook section. All tests and quizzes should remain within the notebook for any necessary review.
10. Above all, remember to be courteous and kind to everyone.

HAVE A GOOD YEAR!!!

Sincerely yours,

Ms. M

GRADE COMPUTATION:

1/3 of the grade is the student's tests/projects average

1/3 of the grade is the student's quiz average

1/3 of the grade is the student's homework assignment and class participation grade

Student's signature: _____

Parent's signature: _____