

Department: English
Course Name: English 7

Course Description:

The seventh grade English course combines and extends the objectives of Reading 6 and English 6. The class incorporates four curricular strands: reading, writing, grammar, and vocabulary. The reading strand provides a strong foundation for the future growth and engages students in analysis of literature and non-fiction text. The writing strand reinforces the skills needed to write creatively and critically. The grammar strand reaffirms the fundamentals of the parts of speech, sentence construction, punctuation, and paragraph structure, as students develop more sophisticated composition skills. The vocabulary strand expands students' written and oral vocabulary. The course also provides opportunities for oral presentations and creative projects.

Content:

Vocabulary
Punctuation
Conjunctions
Sentence Parts
Sentence Types
Literary Devices
Research Process and Paper
Narrative Writing
Expository Writing
Reflective Writing
Anti-plagiarism
Independent Reading
Oral Communication

Skills:

Read, comprehend, and analyze various texts
Recognize theme, character development, plot, setting, and conflict types
Identify figurative language and literary devices
Draft well-organized and well-developed narrative and expository compositions
Apply fundamentals of grammar, punctuation, usage and mechanics
Conduct research and write a research paper
Cite strong textual evidence
Respond to reflective and independent reading-based writing prompts
Use expanding vocabulary in speech and writing
Produce polished examples of digital publishing and projects
Acquire the skills necessary to present a coherent oral presentation
Develop organizational skills and the discipline of self-directed work

Text and Materials:

Anne Blankman, [The Blackbird Girls](#)
Sharon M. Draper, [Stella by Starlight](#)

Various short stories, excerpts and poems
Various nonfiction articles
Various iPad applications

Methods of Instruction:

Lecture
Mini lessons
Modeling
Class discussion
Research
Technology
Projects
Group and partner activities

Methods of Evaluation:

Tests
Quizzes
Essays
Research project
Projects
Classwork
Homework
Class participation
Prompt responses

