

NORTH SALEM MIDDLE SCHOOL
ENGLISH 7 COURSE INFORMATION

TEACHERS: Mrs. Mullaney/ Mrs. Kappes

North Salem Mission: Engage students to continuously learn, question, define and solve problems through critical and creative thinking.

Course Description:

Themes such as survival, growing up, and individuality are explored through a variety of literary genres including novels, short stories, folktales, science fiction, non-fiction, drama and poetry.

Writing: Emphasis will be placed on supporting thesis statements with textual evidence and developing ideas in an organized format. Furthermore, a strong foundation in grammar will be stressed throughout the year. Some essays will be completed over the span of a week, while others will be written in one period - a timed situation in preparation for the ELA state exam given in April.

*Writing assignments will be retained in your writing folder; these will be sent home at the end of each quarter for parents'/guardians' perusal and signatures.

Reading Comprehension: Students will go beyond the obvious printed text, drawing conclusions and making connections to real life, as well as other genres/novels/stories. Both formal literature-based essays and creative writing will evolve from assigned novels, stories and poems.

Homework Policy:

Reading assignments are an integral part of success in English 7. Keeping up with the reading is vital to participation in class.

Homework will be assigned regularly and posted on the white board daily. All assignments should be copied into an agenda book at the beginning of each class.

Students should also check Google Classroom regularly to stay apprised of all assignments. Homework assignments that receive full credit are turned in on time, are neat, and indicate that the student has put forth effort on every question. In most cases, homework that is handed in one day late will be accepted, but will not receive full credit. Homework will not be accepted more than one day past its due date.

Notebook Policy:

You are expected to keep a three-ring binder with tabbed dividers and a two-pocket folder. Class time will be given to help you organize and maintain your notebook. You will also need a composition notebook to leave in class

Attendance/Tardiness:

You must make up work missed due to an absence from class or school. It is **your** responsibility to find out what work you missed. Again, check Google Classroom and/or contact a classmate. Additionally, you are expected to be in class on time. If you are late, please secure a note from the office/teacher. Following school procedures: three unexcused "latenesses" are reported for a detention - as are any cuts.

Grading Policy:

- Writing: 30%
- Tests: 30%
- Quizzes/Projects: 20%
- Homework/Journals: 20%

Text Titles:

Grade 7 Anthology - Literature: The Reader's Choice - Course 2 - Glencoe Literature Series

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Extra Help Days and Locations:

Posted in the classroom.

Helpful Suggestions:

- Stay Positive! Work hard and don't give up!
- Ask for help when you need it - before, during, or after class.

- Keep up with required reading.
- Turn all assignments in on time.
- Attend *and* participate in class regularly.

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