

Welcome to English 7

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*I am excited to help students learn and grow through the study of reading, writing and communication. It is my belief that **every student can succeed** if they work with effort and determination.*

"Begin with the end in mind." -Stephen Covey

Classroom Expectations

- ★ **Be Respectful:** Listen when others speak, use positive language, and respect classroom property.
- ★ **Be Responsible:** Arrive on time, bring your materials, and track your due dates.
- ★ **Be Engaged:** Participate actively, put forth your best daily effort, and give it your all!
- ★ **No gum, candy, and fidgets** allowed without prior teacher permission.
- ★ **Restroom:** Use passing periods for bathroom breaks. Emergency breaks may be requested during the **last 20 minutes** of class.

Required Materials

Please bring these items to class every day:

- ☐ **Pencils** (Extra lead if mechanical; *no pens for classwork/assignments*)
- ☐ **Notebook** (Stays in the classroom)
- ☐ Folder & paper
- ☐ Highlighters/pens (used for annotating)
- ☐ School Chromebook (Fully charged)
- ☐ Amplify ELA Textbook/Assigned Novel
- ☐ Independent Reading Book

Class Content

We will read and write using informational texts, novels, short stories, poetry, and research projects. Students will strengthen their writing, grammar, speaking, and listening skills through daily practice.

- **Daily Updates:** Check the classroom assignment board & Canvas home page.
- **Online Platforms:** Canvas & Synergy (for assignments, announcements, and grades).
- **Homework:** Homework may be assigned to finish an incomplete assignment/project or to give students additional practice with concepts.

Grades

Students are responsible for their grades.

- Formative (40%): daily assignments, homework, small projects, quizzes
- Summative (60%): Unit quizzes, tests, formal assessments, major projects
- Retakes are on a case-by-case basis. Students are responsible for speaking with the teacher to make arrangements.

Missed Classes

Personal Absences: Students have one day for each day absent to make up work.

Check Canvas or see Mrs. Stelling on the day the student returns.

School Activities: If students miss class for a sports event or school activity, students must ask for their work before they leave.

Academic Integrity & AI (Artificial Intelligence) Policy

Honesty and originality are core values in our classroom.

- ➔ **Plagiarism & Cheating:** Copying work, using unauthorized resources, or submitting work that is not the student's own work will result in academic consequences (redoing the assignment, loss of privileges, or administrative discipline).
- ➔ **Artificial Intelligence (AI):** AI tools may **never** be used to generate content or complete assignments without prior teacher permission. Unapproved AI use falls under the district plagiarism policy. Consequences for violating the AI policy will be assigned on a case-by-case basis.

Tech & Cell Phone Policy

- **Airpods/headphones** may only be used for an academic activity.
- **Cell Phones** must remain in the student's locker during school hours (per Student Handbook). **Smart watches** should only be used as a timepiece during class. Please call the main office at **308-698-8120** to contact students during school hours.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." --Dr. Seuss