



Grade 7 Lang. Arts Learning Targets

Here is an overview of what your student will be learning this year in 7th Grade Language Arts.

Reading

- Determine the theme of a short story
- Track thematic development
- Analyze how the author's craft develops the theme
- Analyze the development of central ideas
- Track complex character interactions
- Analyze how setting shapes characters and conflict
- Synthesize key ideas across texts
- Read to gather relevant evidence
- Analyze the development of contrasting points of view
- Analyze how diction and figure language affect the meaning
- Analyze the connections between ideas in text
- Compare and contrast a written text with audio, filmed, staged, or digital versions
- Evaluate the quality of texts

Writing

- Create a list (brainstorming) for pre-writing and choose a topic by focusing on the purpose for the paper.
- Gather and organize my information by using graphic organizers and my brainstorming list.
- Develop my writing through multiple drafts, edits, and revisions by understanding that writing is an on-going process before you have a final draft.

- Write a strong evidence-based response
- Write introductions and conclusions
- Introduce evidence with context
- Write explanations that clarify meaning and connect the argument
- Write a literary analysis essay
- Write a cross-textual literary analysis essay
- Write an effectively structured argumentative research paper
- Write narratives that develop real or imagined experiences or events
- Synthesize notes
- Use anecdotes to support research
- Write with works cited and in-text citations
- Address a specific audience

Speaking and Listening

- Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, small groups, and teacher-led)
- Set goals and expectations for classroom discussion
- Refer to evidence in a discussion
- Ask questions in a discussion
- Acknowledge new ideas and revise ideas during discussion
- Understand and evaluate a speaker's argument and specific claims, evaluating the soundness of the reasoning and the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence
- Include multimedia components and visual displays in presentations to clarify claims and findings

Vocabulary

- Understand a word in context by using the words around it to support my understanding.
- Choose synonyms and antonyms for each master word by applying my understanding of the word's meaning.
- Use and apply my knowledge of definitions, synonyms, antonyms and analogies.
- Understand what a root, suffix, and prefix are and how they impact my vocabulary by knowing the meanings of each and using them properly in context.
- Use stems to learn how to understand and comprehend the meaning of multisyllabic words by reading passages and decoding the parts.

English/Grammar

- Recognize the basic parts of speech by understanding the rules for each part.
- Punctuate the different types of sentences correctly by following the rules for each type.
- Form possessives of singular and plural nouns by following the basic rules for possessive nouns.
- Use proper capitalization techniques by understanding the capitalization rules.