

5TH GRADE ELA (English Language Arts) Syllabus

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IMPORTANT LINKS

- [Mrs. Brannelly's Website](#)
- [Aqua Team website](#)
- [5th Grade ELA Curriculum Overview](#)
- [AMS Student Handbook](#)
- [Google Classroom](#)
- [ELA Massachusetts Curriculum Framework](#)
- [CommonLit](#)

Things we use in ELA class

1. **Folder:** You must have a sturdy folder to put your materials in. You will use this folder for ALL of your classes. You may have to study some of the information that you keep in this folder. You can also use it to carry homework and papers to and from school.
2. **ELA Plastic Folder:** You will be given a plastic poly folder to keep in the classroom. You will keep all of your work and papers in it. These plastic folders will be stored in the classroom but can be taken home to study or finish work.
3. **Writing Utensils:** Please have a supply of pencils, crayons/colored pencils, highlighters, and Post It Notes available in class throughout the year.
4. **Google Classroom:** Google classroom will be used to post important materials and assignments. It will also be the place to check when you are absent to see what you may have missed..

Basic Rules/Expectations

- ★ Raise your hand before asking a question or making a comment.
- ★ Treat others the way YOU would want to be treated (the Golden Rule).
- ★ Treat books, chromebooks and other materials with respect.
- ★ Try your best.
- ★ Respect your classmates' right to learn.
- ★ Ask for help when needed.
- ★ Actively participate in class discussions and activities

5th Grade ELA Units

1. Cultures and Conflict (Historical Fiction)
2. Word Play (Fantasy)
3. A War Between Us (Historical Fiction)

Focus:

1. Reading for main ideas and details.
2. Writing using text evidence to support ideas.
3. Annotations with reading.
4. Writing various essays - Informational and Narrative
5. Synthesizing ideas while reading and forming opinions for writing.

Grading

Grades will be determined based on the following evaluation criteria:

Content: 90% of your grade:

Content might include quizzes/tests, projects, essays, do nows, and exit slips. Tests, quizzes, and projects may be weighed at a higher value over the course of the grading period. I will clearly identify the weight of such assignments.

Homework: 10% of your grade:

We will be using a website called CommonLit for homework. This free website has a variety of stories with challenging multiple choice questions and occasionally open response questions.

Other:

Some assignments will be graded using the criteria below:

- ✓ + 100 points — The assignment is on time, complete, and follows the expectations, directions, or teacher's model.
- ✓ 85 points — The assignment is not on time, or is incomplete, or does not follow the expectations, directions or teacher's model.
- ✓ - 70 points — The assignment is 3 days late, incomplete or clearly doesn't follow the expectations, directions, or teacher's model.
- ✓ -- 60 points — The assignment is more than 3 days late, or very incomplete or clearly doesn't follow the expectations, directions, or teacher's model.
- 0 — The assignment was never done.

*If an assignment is missed, an "M" might be put into Aspen to indicate that something is missing. Aspen will record an "M" as a zero until the assignment is made up.

Retake/Makeup Policy

Learning is a process, and it is important for students to use feedback from their teachers to improve their mastery. Students may **improve certain content assignments for full or partial credit**. Teachers will make clear which content assignments can be made up when they are given. The student and teacher will mutually develop a plan for improving the assignment. Work missed due to an unexcused absence or work that is turned in for an improved grade must be submitted by the date posted in the description box for the assignment in Aspen. If the late or improved work is in Google Classroom or other electronic form, an ***email must be sent to Mrs. Brannelly*** to alert her that the assignment is ready for grading. Please be specific about the name of the assignment in your email.

Communication Methods

ASPEN: Please check grades frequently for ALL CLASSES! It is very important that parents and students stay on top of grading, as any make-up work will be expected back in a timely fashion. For instance, we cannot have requests on the day before the quarter ends for make-up work. We *expect* that this online tool is being used to keep up to date on grades. Thanks for your understanding!

EMAIL: The easiest way to communicate with me is through email. I will get back to you as soon as I can. I tend to respond within 24-48 hours during the week.