

WORLD COMPASS ACADEMY 6th GRADE ELA SYLLABUS

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Class Overview

In 6th grade English Language Arts, students continue to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to become literate adults (i.e., college and career ready). Students will read texts of increasing complexity and demonstrate their comprehension through discussion and written activities. Writing tasks also expand in scope and complexity, with unit-long writing activities that focus on developing craft and structure. The skills we focus on throughout the year include:

Writing	Speaking
Reading	Listening
Grammar	Critical Thinking
Morphology	Problem Solving
Spelling	Collaboration

Grading

WCA uses three 12-week trimesters. Official grades can always be found on Infinite Campus.

Unexcused late work may result in loss of credit, per WCA policy. The best way for students to be successful is to give their best effort on all activities and turn all assignments in on time.

Quizzes, Classwork, & Homework	45%
Projects & Papers	25%
Exams	15%
Attendance & Participation	15%

Units of Study

- *Flying Lessons & Other Stories*
- *Calling All Minds: How to Think and Create Like an Inventor*
- The Heritage of Ancient Greece and Rome
- *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey*
- *The Tragedy of Julius Caesar*
- The Blessings of Liberty
- Realms of Gold - Vol. 1
- Book Clubs

Independent Reading

Students often grow just as much from what they choose to read on their own as they do from classroom instruction. It is a WCA expectation that students read for at least 20 minutes per day outside of school. I also try to provide independent reading time in class at least once per week.

Technology

I rely on technology heavily to facilitate student learning. Students are expected to have their Chromebooks fully charged and ready to use at the start of class each day.

Google Classroom is my main tool for assignments and communication. If a student is ever unsure what is expected of them, Google Classroom is always the first place they should check.

It is WCA policy that cell phones, tablets, and smart watches are not allowed during class time unless needed for medical purposes.

Please return this page signed by Friday, August 16.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____