



Orange County Public Schools
7th Grade English Syllabus
2022-2023

First Nine Weeks (8/10/22 - 10/13/2022)

Pre-assessments: Reading MAP, Language Usage MAP,
Fall Reading Growth Assessment (SOL)

Reading: short stories, non-fiction texts, novels	SOL 7.5, 7.6
Word knowledge: synonyms/antonyms, connotations/denotations, word parts, vocabulary	SOL 7.4
Communication: book talk, book clubs	SOL 7.1, 7.2
Writing: reading responses, narrative paper, formative writing assignments	SOL 7.7, 7.8
Assessments: Quizzes, book talk presentation, Q1 fiction summative, choice writing	

Second Nine Weeks (10/14/22 - 12/20/22)

Mid-year assessments: Reading MAP, Language Usage MAP

Reading: short stories, novels, non-fiction texts	SOL 7.5, 7.6
Word knowledge: connotations/denotations, word parts, vocabulary	SOL 7.4
Communication: research presentation, book clubs	SOL 7.1, 7.2
Writing: reading responses, research paper, expository/informational formative writing assignments, structured writing prompt	SOL 7.7, 7.8, 7.9
Assessments: Quizzes, Q2 nonfiction summative, research presentation, choice writing	

Third Nine Weeks (1/4/23 - 3/8/23)

Mid-year assessment: Winter Reading Growth Assessment (SOL)

Reading: folk literature, poetry, novels, non-fiction texts	SOL 7.5, 7.6
Word knowledge: connotations/denotations, word parts, vocabulary	SOL 7.4
Communication: storytelling - presentation of folk literature/poetry	SOL 7.1, 7.2
Writing: folk literature/persuasive formative writing assignments, structured writing prompt	SOL 7.7, 7.8
Assessments: Quizzes, oral presentation, persuasive writing prompt, choice writing, Q3 poetry/folk literature summative	

Fourth Nine Weeks (3/9/23 - 5/18/23)

End-of-year assessments: Reading MAP, Language Usage MAP, Reading SOL

Reading: mass media messages, short stories, non-fiction texts	SOL 7.3, 7.5, 7.6
Word knowledge: connotations/denotations, word parts, vocabulary	SOL 7.4
Communication: persuasive speech, book clubs	SOL 7.1, 7.2, 7.3
Writing: portfolio (cumulative writing), reading responses	SOL 7.7, 7.8
Assessments: Quizzes, PSA oral presentation, Q4 mass media summative, reflective writing (writing portfolio)	



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Below is an approved list of whole-class and literature circle/book club selections for seventh grade (exclusive of classroom library books). Classroom library selections are available for review upon request.

Whole-Class Texts

Long Walk to Water (novel)
Seventh Grade (short story)
All Summer in a Day (short story)
Zoo (short story)
Monkey's Paw (short story)
The Telltale Heart (short story)
The Landlady (short story)
He Wants to Save the World (article - Scholastic)
People Call Me Crazy (story - Scholastic)
The Phone Call (short story)
Dear Future (story - Scholastic)
Two Miles for a Drink of Water (article - Scholastic)
Design for the Other 90% (informational text - Expert 21)
Jeffrey Sach's \$200 Billion Dream
Children's Lives at the Turn of the 20th Century (article')
Jazz Fantasia (poem)
Where I'm From (poem)
Night Song (poem)
Ballad of the Landlord (poem)
Annabel Lee (poem)
Cremation of Sam McGee (poem)
"Dreams" by Langston Hughes (poem)
I Sing the Battle (poem)
Hard to Please (poem)
Haikus by Basho and others (poems)
Limericks by Edward Lear and others (poems)
Love That Dog (in verse)
Aesop's fables
Daedalus and Icarus
Narcissus and Echo
The Legend of Robin Hood (Scholastic play)
Paul Bunyan (Shel Silverstein one)
Sun and Moon in a Box

Literature Circle/Book Club Selections

42 Is Not Just a Number
The Boys Who Challenged Hitler
Hidden Figures
Soldier's Heart
A Night Divided
Breaking Stalin's Nose
Book Thief
War That Saved My Life
The Bomb
Journal of William Thomas Emerson
Or Give Me Death
Freedom Riders
Lincoln's Grave Robbers
Behind Rebel Lines
Lost in the Pacific
Unbroken
Chasing Lincoln's Killer
Making Do in WWII
Berlin Boxing Club
Zlata's Diary
Paper Cowboy
If I Should Die Before I Wake
Under a War-Torn Sky
Stranger with My Face
The Giver
The Hobbit
Wrinkle in Time
Gregor the Overlander
Hidden Stairs & Magic Carpet
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe
Among the Hidden



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	<i>Screaming Staircase</i> <i>Lightning Thief</i> <i>Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH</i> <i>Bar Code Tattoo</i> <i>Found</i> <i>The City of Ember</i> <i>Eighth Day</i> <i>Indigo</i> <i>Ungifted</i> <i>Tuesdays with Morrie</i> <i>Walk Two Moons</i> <i>Crossover</i> <i>Saving Wonder</i> <i>Stargirl</i> <i>Crash</i> <i>Restart</i> <i>Ghost</i> <i>Wednesday Wars</i> <i>7th Most Important Thing</i> <i>One Crazy Summer</i> <i>Tracker</i> <i>Hope Was Here</i> <i>Stand Tall</i> <i>Schooled</i> <i>The Outsiders</i>
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