

Jasper Middle School 6th Grade ELA Syllabus

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Course Description:

The 6th grade ELA course is designed to improve the students' reading, writing, speaking, listening, and viewing skills. We will focus on integrating all aspects of language arts into one cohesive entity in order to show the students that learning is interwoven between all content areas. All students will be required to comprehend more challenging books and articles, using relevant text evidence to support analysis, inferences and claims. Expression of this comprehension will take place both in writing and in speech. 6th grade students will begin to tackle more technical and informational texts as well as continuing to study literary fiction and poetry.

Texts:

- Georgia Collections by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
- Close Reader workbook by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
- Performance Assessment workbook by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
- Supplemental Reading Passages, Classroom Novels, and Selected Short Stories or Poems

Class Goals:

- Citing textual evidence in support of text analysis
- Determining the theme or central idea of a text
- Analyzing both literary and informational texts
- Understanding an author's use of words and phrases in a text
- Analyzing the structure of a text
- Examining and explaining an author's point of view in a text
- Comparing and contrasting elements within, and presentations of, a text, multiple texts
- Evaluating an argument
- Writing effective summaries, arguments that use relevant evidence to support a claim, informational essays examining a topic, and descriptive well-structured narratives
- Engaging in effective collaborative discussions

Grading Policy:

Tests/Projects/Essays - 40%

Daily Assignments - 60%

Course Outline:

1st Quarter Theme - Conflict

Focus - Argument Writing Basics, Narrative Writing Point of View, Summarizing, Analyzing literary text, Drawing evidence from text, Parts of Speech review

2nd Quarter Theme - Natural Disasters

Focus - Informational Writing Basics, Personal Narrative Writing, Summarizing, Analyzing informational text, Drawing evidence from text, Pronoun cases, Pronoun/Antecedent agreement

3rd Quarter Theme - Cultural Storytelling

Focus - Informational Writing & Research, Comparing & Contrasting texts, Elements of effective research, Integrating information in discussions and writing, Pronoun types

4th Quarter Theme - Making a Difference

Focus - Argument Writing, Effective use of evidence in argument, Continue to read and comprehend a wide range of texts proficiently, Continue to routinely write using knowledge of language and conventions

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____