

Grade 7 ELA 2019-20
Dryden Middle School

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COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Description:

ELA 7 course content follows the NYS Common Core modules. You will practice expository, argument, and narrative writing, reading comprehension and analysis, and research skills. We will be emphasizing vocabulary development and grammar skills. Readings will include:

Module One: A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park

Module Two: Lyddie by Katherine Peterson

Module Three: Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglas by Frederick Douglas

Module Four: Research Unit

Daily Materials:

- ELA folder
- Independent reading material of your choice
- Agenda book
- Pencil

Attendance:

It is your responsibility to check the "While You Were Out and Class Notes" station the day you return for your missed work and materials. If you have questions about the content or assignment, please stay during activity period for help. Due dates will be determined by amount of time absent and reason for absence.

Grading System:

Grades will be given on a point-based system, consisting of classroom assignments and participation, independent reading, quizzes, exams, writing, and research projects.

- Work Habits – 10%
- Guided Practice – 40%
- Independent Performance – 50%

Student Responsibilities:

- Arrive to class on time with necessary materials
- Check your mailbox and the board for assignments and the agenda
- Follow classroom matrix poster rules for responsible, safe, respectful behavior
- Follow posted guidelines for voice level
- Have your agenda book ready to record assignments and for PBIS praise stamps
- Home electronic devices are not allowed in the classroom
- Completed work **MUST** have a name to receive a grade
- Independent Reading Book Checks are graded (bring them daily to class)
- Do your personal best everyday

Extra Help:

Your success at school is very important! Extra help is available most days during activity period. Weekly sign-up sheets for 3pm bus passes are posted in the classroom.

We are looking forward to a great year in ELA 7!

Ms. Hayes and Ms. Kiechle

Please detach, complete and return the form below:

I have reviewed the course syllabus and expectations for ELA 7.

Student Name (Print) _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Students will be viewing two PG-rated videos related to course content for educational purposes. Please indicate below if you do not want your child participating. Thank you!