

## 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS COURSE SYLLABUS 2014-2015

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**Course Description:** This course is designed to help you continue to develop an appreciation of written and spoken language. We will use oral language, written language, and technology for expressive, argumentative, critical, and literary purposes. We will read a variety of literature including short stories, plays, poetry, essays, and novels. Writing assignments will include journals, essays, critiques, and creative works. Vocabulary, spelling, and grammar will be a vital part of this class.

**Grading Policy:** In this class, you will be graded both informally and formally, using several different types of assessments. These can include rubrics, tests, quizzes, and projects. The grading system in this class is based on the following percentages:

Homework:	15%
Quizzes:	15%
Projects/Writing:	20%
Classwork:	25%
Tests:	25%

**Grading Scale:** This class adheres to Inman Middle School's grading scale:

A	90-100%	Excellent
B	80-89%	Above Average
C	79-75%	Average
C-	74-70%	Below Average
F	0-69%	Failure to achieve
NE	No Evaluation	

**Assignments:** All assignments must be submitted by the given due date and are due at the beginning of the class period. All homework is due the next day unless otherwise stated. You may not leave class to retrieve homework, projects, or other assignments unless an emergency pass is used.

**Cheating/Plagiarism:** Cheating and/or plagiarism will not be tolerated and will result in an automatic grade of zero. This includes copying homework, classwork, test answers, talking during a test or quiz, allowing someone to copy your work, and trying to pass off someone else's work as your own.

**Late Assignments/Missed Work:** Any assignments not received on or before the due date are considered late. It is the student's responsibility to check with the teacher regarding any late/missed assignments and their due date. Late writing assignments, projects or other major assignments will receive a 25 point deduction. Only late work for the current quarter will be accepted.

**Emergency Passes:** You are expected to use the designated times for locker and restroom breaks. At the teacher's discretion, you may be allowed to use an emergency pass when necessary.

Classroom Rules	Inman Disciplinary Plan
<p><u>R</u>espect yourself and others.</p> <p><u>U</u>se appropriate language and volume at the right time.</p> <p><u>L</u>isten to and follow all instructions.</p> <p><u>E</u>xcellence only: come prepared to learn.</p> <p><u>S</u>tay seated unless you have permission to move around the room.</p>	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Offense:</b> Warning / Student Conference</p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:</b> Parent Contact</p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Offense:</b> One (1) hour after school detention</p> <p><b>4<sup>th</sup> Offense:</b> Two (2) hour after school detention (served 2 consecutive days)</p> <p><b>5<sup>th</sup> Offense:</b> Referral to Administration</p> <p><b>SERIOUS OFFENSE:</b> Automatic Administrative Referral</p>

<b>Texts Used</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Realms of Gold (Core Knowledge Anthology)</li> <li>• Glencoe Reader's Choice and Glencoe Writer's Choice</li> <li>• Prentice Hall Literature</li> <li>• Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson</li> <li>• <i>Romiette and Julio</i> by Sharon Draper</li> </ul>
<b>Required Materials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1-inch 3-ring binder with five dividers</li> <li>• College-ruled notebook paper</li> <li>• Composition notebook</li> <li>• Blue or black pens; Pencils may only be used for rough draft writing assignments</li> <li>• Red correction pen</li> <li>• Colored pencils or colored markers</li> <li>• USB Drive</li> </ul>

I have read, understand, and will adhere to the policies and procedures of this course syllabus.

Student's Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_