



G7 LANGUAGE ARTS COURSE SYLLABUS

Grade Level: 7 1 Year, 1 Credit SY: 2022-23

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

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The grade 7 Language Arts course will develop the students' knowledge, confidence, and communication skills in all areas of language: reading, writing, speaking, listening, grammar and vocabulary. The primary focus in language arts class will be on literature, different writing styles, demonstration of the rules of grammar, and the ability to express yourself orally.

Students can expect to read a variety of literary genres, and what the students read will model the different writing styles we will be working on in class. Writing assignments will include timed responses, journal writing, essays, critiques, and creative pieces. Vocabulary, spelling, and grammar assignments will also be an important part of this class. Because we are a community of learners, students will work periodically in group situations and present information to their peers in groups or individually.

Please understand that independent at-home reading and writing are expected and are a component of this course.

<u>AREA OF STUDY</u> : Reading Literature (RL)	Short Story, Drama, Historical Fiction, Memoir, Folklore, Poetry, Novel
Reading Informational Text (RI) Writing (W)	Autobiography, Biography, Essays, Scientific and historical articles, Speeches Writing Process, Narrative, Persuasion, Exposition, Conducting Research, Response to Literature, Poetry
Language (L)	<u>Vocabulary</u> : Critical Reading Vocabulary, Academic Vocabulary, Word Parts <u>Grammar</u> : 8 Parts of Speech, Usage, Capitalization, and Punctuation
Speaking and Listening (SL)	Oral Reading, Presentations, Discussions, Skits/Acting

COURSE STANDARDS:

The English department has adopted the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in K-12 English Language Arts, which were released by the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices and the Council of Chief State School Officers in the United States.

The Common Core standards for English Language Arts are based on research and evidence that describe the competencies necessary for all students to become college and career-ready by the end of high school. The CCSS outline a vision of what it means to be a literate person in the 21st Century.

The CCSS are organized into four strands:

- Reading (Informational and Literary)
- Includes Reading Foundational Skills
- Writing
- Speaking and Listening
- Language

LIFELONG LEARNING STANDARDS:

- Knowledgeable person
- Complex thinker

- Effective communicator Self-directed learner
- Quality producer
- Contributing citizen

KEY CCSS OBJECTIVES:

- By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
- By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
- Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
- Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.

• Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

ASSESSMENT:

Grades will be computed following the school-wide policy of Homework, Seatwork, and Projects (30%), Tests and Quizzes (30%), Quarter Exam (30%), and Deportment (10%). There will be opportunities for students to show their learning through various individual and group assignments/activities. The following assessment tools will be used to evaluate performance:

- Specific writing rubrics
- Presentation/oral rubrics
- Quizzes and Quarter Tests/Exams
- Peer evaluation

TEXTS:

G7 – HMH Collections Textbook G7 - HMH Into Literature - Grammar Practice

<u>REFERENCE / LINKS</u>:

 School website: http://www.dishs.tp.edu.tw

 Online Dictionaries: http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/

 Publisher websites: http://my.hrw.com/

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

- Writing materials
- Pocket English dictionary
- 1 <u>Notebook</u> (B4/A4 Ensure it is unique and easy to identify in your locker.)

HOMEWORK RULES:

- Google Classroom Code
- All assignments must be turned in on the day they are due.
- 1 day late = Minus 10%
- 2 days late = Only 60%
- $3 + \text{ days late} = \frac{\text{Project-I}}{4} \& \text{ Only } 60\%$
- If a student has been absent, it is his/her duty to find out what work is due and hand it in a day later.

CLASSROOM RULES:

All students are expected to follow the school and classroom rules. Consequences will follow if rules are broken. Below are the five golden rules:

- 1. Come to class on time and be prepared.
- 2. Have a positive attitude and be willing to learn.
- 3. Respect yourself, others, and our school.
- 4. Always complete your work and try your best.
- 5. Actively participate, listen carefully, but don't speak out of turn.

PLAGIARISM is defined as: "The practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own"

(OxfordDictionaries.com). A good example of plagiarism would be copying passages of text from the Internet without acknowledging the source. If you need to copy passages of text – to provide evidence or support an argument in an assignment, for example – you should include a reference to the source of the material. An act of plagiarism will result in a deduction of points, and in some cases, it will be an automatic zero on the entire assignment. DIS's position on plagiarism is simple: don't do it!

DISCIPLINE:

Please refer to the student handbook.

SUBJECT: Gr.7 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA) <u>1st QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT</u>

(NB: Deper	nding on time and interest, the teacher may delete and/or add other selections.)
Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 Aug 10 th to 12 th <u>3 Days of Class</u> 10~ First Day / Orientation Day	Literature (2) ~ Reading Workshop (<i>Genres & Reading Strategies</i>) <u>Collection 1</u> : Opener p.1 Writing (2) ~ <u>Narrative</u> : The Writing Process (Review) Introduction & Model Examples Brainstorming & Prewriting Writing Workshop (1) ~ M1 – The Sentence: Sentence Sense / Run-On Sentences
Week 2 Aug 15 th to 19 th Opening Mass	Literature (2) - <u>Anchor Text – Short Story</u> : " <u>Rogue Wave</u> " p.3 Writing Workshop (1) ~ <u>M1 – The Sentence</u> : Sentence Sense / Run-On Sentences Cont. Subject & Predicate Writing (3) ~ <u>Narrative</u> : Introduction & Model Examples Prewriting Grammar (1) ~ <u>Parts of Speech</u> : Nouns p.294 Novel (10 min.) ~ War Horse - Intro. + Read Ch.1-5 (Test WK4) YSC-RT (1) ~ Introduction (<i>Theme/Topic; Guidelines; Timeline</i>)
Week 3 Aug 22 nd to 26 th	Literature (4) - <u>Anchor Text – Short Story</u> : " <u>Rogue Wave</u> " p.3 <u>TEST</u> : <u>Anchor Text – Short Story</u> : " <u>Rogue Wave</u> " p.3 Writing (1) ~ Fiction <u>Narration</u> : Drafting Grammar (2) ~ <u>M2 – Part of Speech</u> : Nouns & Pronouns Vocabulary (1) ~ Prefixes Novel (-) ~ HW = War Horse - Ch1-5 (Test WK4) YSC-RT (-) ~ HW = Online <u>brainstorming</u>
Week 4 Aug 29 th to Sep 2 nd	Literature (4) - <u>Anchor Text - Greek Myth</u> : " <u><i>The Flight of Icarus</i></u> " – p.31 Poem: " <u><i>Icarus's Flight</i></u> " p.39 Writing (1) ~ <u>Poetry</u> : Haiku Grammar (1) ~ <u>M2 – Part of Speech</u> : Nouns & Pronouns Cont. Novel (1) ~ <u>TEST</u> : War Horse - Ch.1-5 (HW: Ch.6-10) YSC-RT (1) ~ Final brainstorming + Start Planning
Week 5 Sep 5 th to 9 th <u>4 Days of Class</u> 8~ Mass &Birthday Mother Mary 9 th – Moon Festival	Literature (5) - <u>TEST</u> : <u>Anchor Text</u> - <u>Greek Myth</u> : " <u><i>The Flight of Icarus</i></u> " – p.31 Informational Text: " <u>Women in Aviation</u> " - p.43 <u>Close Reader</u> : " <u>Arachne</u> " p.17 Writing Skills (1) ~ <u>M1 – The Sentence</u> : Subject & Predicate Cont. Vocabulary (1) ~ Prefixes (Cont.) Grammar (1) ~ <u>M2 – Part of Speech</u> : Adjectives Novel (-) ~ HW = War Horse - Ch.6-10 (Test WK6) YSC-RT (-) ~ HW = Online <u>planning</u>
Week 6 Sep 12 th to 16 th FYI – Pre-Exam Days	Literature (3) - <u>TEST</u> : Informational Text: " <u>Women in Aviation</u> " - p.43 <u>Collection 2</u> : Opener p.61 <u>Anchor Text - Drama</u> : " <u>Sorry, Wrong Number</u> " p.111 (Collection 2) Writing (3) ~ <u>Narrative</u> : Revising, Editing & Publishing Novel (1) ~ <u>TEST</u> : War Horse - Ch.6-10 (HW: Ch.11-15) YSC-RT (1) ~ Finalize the plan and assign jobs + Writers will start writing scenes 1-3
Week 7 Sep 19 th to 23 rd	Literature (3) - <u>Anchor Text - Drama</u> : " <u>Sorry, Wrong Number</u> " p.111 (Cont.) + <u>TEST</u> Grammar (1) ~ <u>M2 - Part of Speech</u> : Adjectives Cont. Novel (1) ~ HW = War Horse - Ch.11-15 (Q2 / WK1)
Week 8 Sep 26 th to 30 th <u>2 Days of Class</u>	Q1 REVIEWLiterature (1) ~ Exam Prep. & ReviewGrammar (2) ~ Q1 Review

28-30 ~Teacher's Conference	Novel (-) ~ HW = War Horse - Ch.11-15 (Q2 / WK1) YSC-RT (-) ~ Writers: Will continue writing the first draft in class (Scenes 4-6) Other Students: Use scenes 1-3 to start planning/creating props, music etc.
Week 9 Oct 3 rd to 7 th <u>3 Days of Class</u> 6-7~Q1 Exams	Q1 REVIEW Literature (2) ~ Exam Prep. & Q1 Review Grammar (2) ~ Q1 Review Vocabulary (1-2) ~ Q1 Review Novel (-) ~ War Horse - Ch.11-15 (Q2 / WK1)

2nd QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

(NB: Depending on time and interest, the teacher may delete and/or add other selections.)	
Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 (10) Oct 10 th to 14 th <u>4 Days of Class</u> 10 – Double 10 Holiday	Literature (1) - Shakespeare Introduction - Globe Theater Writing Workshop (2) ~ $M6+7$ - Clauses & Sentence Structure Writing Poetry (1) ~ Poetry: Acrostic Grammar (1) ~ $M3$ - Part of Speech: Verbs & Adverbs Novel (1) ~ $\underline{\text{TEST}}$: War Horse - Ch.11-15 (HW: Ch.16-21) YSC-RT (1) ~ Finish the draft (Deadline 10/19) / Plan the 1 st Practice
Week 2 (11) Oct 17 th to 21 st	Literature (3.5) - <u>Poetry - Compare Texts</u> : Yeats / Shakespeare - p.71 Grammar (1.5) ~ <u>M3 – Part of Speech</u> : Verbs & Adverbs Cont. Writing Skills (1) ~ <u>M6+7 – Clauses & Sentence Structure</u> Cont. Novel (-) ~ HW = War Horse - Ch.16-21 (Test WK3) YSC-RT (2) ~ Practice & Preparation
Week 3 (12) Oct 24 th to 28 th 25-27 – Book Fair 28- Masquerade Night TBA-Holy Rosary Mass	Literature (4) - <u>TEST</u> : <u>Poetry - Compare Texts</u> : Yeats / Shakespeare - p.71 <u>Anchor Text – Folktale</u> : The People Could Fly - p.63 Grammar (1) ~ <u>M3 – Part of Speech</u> : Verbs & Adverbs (Cont.) Novel (1) ~ <u>TEST</u> : War Horse - Ch.16-21 YSC-RT (2) ~ Practice & Preparation
Week 4 (13) Oct 31 st to Nov 4 th I-All Saint's Day Mass	Literature (4) - <u>Collection 3</u> : Opener p.135 <u>TEST</u> : <u>Anchor Text – Folktale</u> : The People Could Fly - p.63 <u>Anchor Text – Memoir</u> : from Mississippi Solo - p.137 Grammar (2) ~ M3 – Part of Speech: Verbs & Adverbs (Cont.) M3 – Part of Speech: Prepositions, Conjunctions & Interjections YSC-RT (2) ~ Practice & Preparation
Week 5 (14) Nov 7 th to 11 th	 Literature (4) - <u>TEST</u>: <u>Anchor Text – Memoir</u>: from Mississippi Solo - p.137 <u>Close Reader</u>: from Polar Dream - p.40 Grammar (2) ~ M3 – Part of Speech: Prepositions, Conjunctions & Interjections (Cont.) YSC-RT (2) ~ Practice & Preparation
Week 6 (15) Nov 14 th to 18 th	Literature (2) ~ <u>Anchor Text – Compare Poems</u> : Ode to enchanted light /Sleeping in the Forest - p.169 Grammar (1) ~ M3 – Part of Speech: Prepositions, Conjunctions & Interjections (Cont.) Vocabulary (1) ~ Analogies & Homophones YSC-RT (4) ~ Practice & Preparation
Week 7 (16) Nov 21 st to 25 th 25 - YSC Contest	Literature (2) ~ Cont. / <u>TEST</u> : <u>Anchor Text – Compare Poems</u> : Ode to enchanted light /Sleeping in the Forest - p.169 YSC-RT (6) ~ Practice + Dress Rehearsal

25-Gr.12 Q2 Exam	<u>YSC Competition</u>
Week 8 (17) Nov 28 th to Dec 2 nd FYI – Pre-Exam Days 28-Gr.12 Q2 Exam	Literature (2) ~ Close <u>Reader</u> : Christmas Carol - p.35 Vocabulary (2) ~ Suffixes Grammar (3) ~ <u>M4 – Complements</u> : Direct/Indirect Obj. & Predicate Nominatives/Adj. Writing Skills (1) ~ <u>REVIEW</u> : M6+7 – Clauses & Sentence Structure
Week 9 (18) Dec 5 th to 9 th 8 - Foundation Day Celebrations	Literature (1) ~ Close <u>Reader</u> : Christmas Carol - p.35 Grammar (2) ~ <u>M4 – Complements</u> : Direct/Indirect Obj. & Pred. Nominatives/Adj. Cont. Q2 Review Vocabulary (2) ~ Check & Review Novel (1) ~ Crispin: The Cross of Lead - Intro. + Read Ch.1-12 (Test Q3/WK1)
Week 10 (19) Dec 12 th to 16 th <u>3 Days of Class</u> 15-16 ~Q2 Exams	Literature (2-3) ~ Exam Prep. & Review Grammar (1) ~ Review Vocabulary (1) ~ Review Novel (-) ~ HW = Crispin: The Cross of Lead - Ch.1-12 (Test Q3/WK1) Q2 Language Arts Exams
Dec 19 th to Jan 2 nd	Christmas Break

<u>3rd QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT</u>

(NB: Depending on time and interest, the teacher may delete and/or add other selections.)	
Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 (20) Jan 5 to 6 th <u>2 Days of Class</u>	Literature (2) ~ <u>Review Q2 Exam</u> <u>Collection 4</u> : Opener – p.183 <u>Anchor Text – Speech</u> : Remarks at the Dedication of the Aerospace Medical Health Center - p.185 Writing (1) ~ <u>Persuasive Essay</u> : Introduction & Prewriting Novel (1) ~ TEST: Crispin: The Cross of Lead - Ch.1-12 (HW: Ch.13-25)
Week 2 (21) Jan 9 th to 13 th	 Literature (4) - <u>Anchor Text – Speech</u>: Remarks at the Dedication of the Aerospace Medical Health Center - p.185 Writing (3) ~ <u>Persuasive Essay</u>: Prewriting & Drafting Grammar (1) ~ <u>M9 – Using Verbs Correctly</u>: Principal Parts & Regular Verbs Novel (-) ~ HW = Crispin: The Cross of Lead - Ch.13-25 (Test WK3)
Week 3 (22) Jan 16 th to 20 th	 Literature (4) - <u>TEST</u>: <u>Anchor Text – Speech</u>: Remarks at the Dedication of the Aerospace Medical Health Center - p.185 <u>Science Article</u>: from Living in the Dark - p.201 Writing Workshop (2) ~ <u>M6+7 – Clauses & Sentence Structure</u> Cont. Vocabulary (1) ~ Word Roots - p.166-169 Novel (1) ~ TEST: Crispin: The Cross of Lead - Ch.13-25 (HW: Ch.26-36)
Jan 23 rd to 27 th	Chinese New Year
Week 4 (23) Jan 30 th to Feb 3 rd	Literature (3) - <u>Poetry</u> : Your World - p.213 Writing (2) ~ <u>Poetry</u> : Free Verse Grammar (3) ~ <u>M9 – Using Verbs Correctly</u> : Regular Verbs + Irregular Verbs <u>M9 – Using Verbs Correctly</u> : Verb Tenses Novel (-) ~ HW = Crispin: The Cross of Lead - Ch.26-36 (Test WK5)
Week 5 (24) Feb 6 th to 10 th	Literature (3) - <u>Commentary</u> : Why Exploring the Ocean Is Mankind's Next p.193 Writing (2) ~ <u>Persuasive Essay</u> : Revise, Edit and Publish

	Grammar (2) ~ <u>M9 – Using Verbs Correctly</u> : Verb Tenses + Troublesome Verbs Vocabulary (-) ~ Vocab Jam Words = L4 / No.51-76 Novel (1) ~ TEST: Crispin: The Cross of Lead - Ch.26-36 (HW: Ch.37-48)
Week 6 (25) Feb 13 th to 17 th	Literature (3) - Collection 5: Opener – p.219 <u>Anchor</u> – Info. Text: from Life at Home in the Twenty-First Century – p.221 Writing / Speaking (4) ~ Argument Writing: Presentations Grammar (1) ~ <u>M9 – Using Verbs Correctly</u> : Troublesome Verbs Novel (-) ~ HW = Crispin: The Cross of Lead – Ch.37-48 (Test WK7)
Week 7 (26) Feb 20 th to 24 th 20-24 ~IOWA 22 ~ Ash Wednesday Mass 21-23 ~ Pre-Exam Days	Literature (4) - <u>Anchor</u> – Info. Text: from Life at Home in the Twenty-First Century – p.221 <u>Poetry</u> : Compare Texts - Dump / How Things Work – p.241 Vocabulary (1) ~ Specialized Vocabulary: Legal & Geography Terms Novel (1) ~ TEST: Crispin: The Cross of Lead – Ch.37-48 (HW: Ch.49-58)
Week 8 (27) Feb 27 th to March3 rd <u>3 Days of Class</u> 27-28 ~ 228 Memorial Day Holiday	Literature (4) - <u>Poetry</u> : Compare Texts - Dump / How Things Work – p.241 Test / Q3 Review Writing (2) ~ <u>Research</u> : Introduction & Model Examples Prewriting Novel (-) ~ HW = Crispin: The Cross of Lead – Ch.49-58 (WK9)
Week 9 (28) March 6 th to 10 th <u>4 Days of Class</u> 11 – Q3 Exams	Literature (2) ~ Review Q3 Reading and Literary Analysis Skills Exam Prep. & Review Grammar (2) ~ Q3 Review Vocabulary (2) ~ Q3 Review Q3 Language Arts Exams (1 st Day – 1 Period)

<u>4th QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT</u>

(NB: Depending on time and interest, the teacher may delete and/or add other selections.)	
Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments
	Q3 Language Arts Exams (2 nd Day – 1 Period)
Week 1 (29) March 13 th to 17 th <u>4 Days of Class</u> 13 – Q3 Exams 14~ Q4 Begins	IOWA Tests Literature (4) - <u>Collection 6</u> : Opener p.263 Compare <u>Anchor</u> Texts – History Writing: The Triangle Factory Fire – p.265 Writing (1) ~ <u>Research</u> : Drafting & Researching Novel (1) ~ TEST: Crispin: The Cross of Lead – Ch.49-58
Week 2 (30) March 20th to 24 th 20 ~ Fire Drill	 Literature (5) - <u>Review Q3 Exam</u> <u>TEST</u>: Compare <u>Anchor</u> Texts – The Triangle Factory Fire – p.265 <u>Close Reader</u> - History Writing/Speech: The Most Daring of [Our] Leaders / Speech from DNC - p.95 Vocabulary (2) ~ Specialized Vocabulary - Business Terms p.185 + Computer Terms p.184 Grammar (1) ~ <u>M14 – Punctuation I</u>:
Week 3 (31) March 27 th to 31 st	Literature (4) - <u>TEST</u> : Compare <u>Anchor</u> Texts – The Triangle Factory Fire – p.265 <u>Close Reader</u> - History Writing/Speech: The Most Daring of [Our] Leaders / Speech from DNC - p.95 Writing (1) ~ <u>Research</u> : Drafting & Researching Grammar (2) ~ <u>M14 – Punctuation I</u> : Novel (1) ~ Iqbal Intro. + Ch.1-4 (Test WK3)

Apr 3 rd to 14 th	Easter Break
Week 4 (33) Apr 17 th to 21 st	Literature (3) ~ <u>Anchor</u> – Personal Essay: Craig Kielburger Reflects on – p.307 Writing (2) ~ <u>Research</u> : Revise, Edit and Publish / Peer Review Novel (-) ~ HW = Iqbal – Ch.1-4 (Test WK4)
Week 5 (34) Apr 24 th to 28 th 24-28 ~ AP Mock Exams	Literature (4) ~ <u>TEST</u> : Personal Essay: Craig Kielburger Reflects on – p.307 <u>Close Reader</u> - Article: Difference Maker: John Bergmann and – p.107 Writing (1) ~ <u>Research</u> : Revise, Edit and Publish (Cont.) Prepare Presentation Vocabulary (1) ~ Specialized Vocabulary - Business Terms & Computer Terms Grammar (1) ~ <u>M14 + M15 – Punctuation I & II</u> : Novel (1) ~ <u>TEST</u> : Iqbal – Ch.1-4 (HW: Ch.5-8)
Week 6 (35) May 1 st to 5 th 2-4~ Pre-Exam 1-5~ Final Exams (K, 5, 8, 12 only) 1-5 ~ AP Exams	Literature (2) ~ <u>Media</u> Analysis - Documentary: from It Takes a Child – p.317 <u>Poetry</u> : A Poem for My Librarian, Mrs. Long – p.321 Writing / Speaking (5) ~ <u>Research</u> : Presentations - EXTRA lesson needed in WK6 Novel (1) ~ <u>TEST</u> : Iqbal – Ch.5-8 (HW: Ch.9-15 / Test WK7)
Week 7 (36) May 8 th to 12 th 8-12~ Final Exams(K, 5, 8, 12 only) 1-5 ~ AP Exams	Literature (5) ~ Poetry: A Poem for My Librarian, Mrs. Long – p.321 (Cont.) <u>Close Reader</u> - He—y, Come On Ou—t! - p.87 <u>TEST</u> : Poetry: A Poem for My Librarian, Mrs. Long – p.321 Writing / Speaking (1) ~ <u>Research</u> : Presentation Grammar (2) - <u>M15 – Punctuation II</u> : Cont. Q4 Review Novel (-) ~ HW = Iqbal – Ch.9-15 (Test WK7)
Week 8 (37) May 15 th to 19 th <u>3 Days of Class</u> 18-19~ Q4 Exams	Novel (1) ~ <u>TEST</u> : Iqbal – Ch.9-15 <u>Q4 REVIEW</u> Literature (2) – Exam Prep. & Review Grammar (1) ~ Q4 Review Vocabulary (1) ~ Q4 Review
Week 9 (38) May 22 nd to 26 th <u>4 Days of Class</u> 22~ Record Day 23-26 ~ Student Clearance	Q4 REVIEWLiterature (2) – Exam Prep. & ReviewGrammar (2) ~ Q4 ReviewVocabulary (2) ~ Q4 Review
Week 10 (39) May 29 th to June 2 nd <u>4 Days of Class</u> I ~ Students Last Day 2~ Teachers/Staff Meeting	(Please check the school calendar.)