



ENGLISH 7: SYLLABUS

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Welcome!

Hello everyone and welcome to ELA 7! This syllabus will outline the important aspects of our class. Please follow along as we read it together, today. **Then, you will need to bring it home to review with your parents/guardians. Please be sure to complete the contract as well. Signed materials are due _____.**

Supplies:

- ★ **2 inch binder**
- ★ **5 tab dividers**
- ★ **Pencils/Pens**
- ★ **Pencil Pouch**
- ★ **Agenda (provided by M-ECS)**
- ★ **Highlighter**
- ★ **Composition notebook**
- ★ **EACH OF THE ABOVE ITEMS WILL BE USED DAILY!**

What We Do In Class:

- ★ Class will begin as soon you enter the room. You will retrieve your materials, review the daily directions, and complete the bell ringer.
- ★ **Unit 1: Grammar and nonfiction**
- ★ **Unit 2: Short stories**
- ★ **Unit 3: Crash by Jerry Spinelli**
- ★ **Unit 4: A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park**
- ★ **Unit 5: Poetry**
- ★ **Unit 6: Seedfolks by Paul Fleischman**



ENGLISH 7: Course

Description:

The goal of this course is to expose students to relevant, inspiring literature related to the theme of identity and to empower students to explore their identities creatively and honestly. Students should complete this class having a new sense of self, an ability to express their thoughts and opinions through writing, and having a new appreciation for reading. This class is aligned with the Common Core standards for English.

Grading Information:

100-90% - A	69-60% - D
89-80% - B	59% and below - F
79-70% - C	

You will earn grades in the following areas:

- Participation
- Binder Checks
- Classwork
- Test/Quizzes/Enrichment
- Homework

**Writing and participation rubrics have been attached.*

Attendance Policy/Absent Work

*Attendance is an important part of a student's success at M-ECS.

**You are required to be at school for forum, before first period. You are not allowed to go to your locker until you have been dismissed from forum.*

*If you are late to class, you are required to have a hall pass (even if you are 30 seconds late to class). After three lates, you will receive a detention.

**Lockers, using the rest room or getting a drink, are NOT EXCUSES for being late.*

*If you are absent, check the absent bin on the bookshelf. This will have the worksheets we complete in class. It is your job to speak to me about what you missed. You will have one day to get the missed work completed for a grade.

After School Help

After school is available for extra help or a quiet place to complete work. Please sign up on the after school board.

**If you do not complete a homework assignment BY CLASS, you will be required to stay after.*

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Policies and Procedures

All school policies will be enforced in this class.

Entering the Room:

- ★ When you enter, you are expected to begin your work. First, pick up worksheets from the front table.
- ★ Next, review the Daily Directions on the Smartboard. These will detail the supplies you need for class, any worksheets you may need to take out of your binder, and what is expected to be done **BEFORE** the bell.
- ★ Get your materials, complete your bell ringer on your daily worksheet, and review your EQ.
- ★ You are required to use the restroom, get a drink, and get all materials **BEFORE** the bell.

Being Prepared:

- ★ You are required to be on time and prepared for class. After 3 lates, you will receive a detention. You are required to have a hall pass if you are late-NO EXCEPTIONS.
- ★ You will need your **ENGLISH binder**, a pen or pencil, and novel, for every class.
- ★ Pens and pencils **will not be provided for you. As stated with the supply list, everyone should have a pencil carrier in their ELA binder. Keep extra writing utensils in this carrier. If you run out, ask a partner.**

Binder Checks and Interactive Notebooks:

- ★ You will be graded, once a marking period, on your binder. You will be graded on organization and completion of material. This binder check will be equivalent to a test grade.
- ★ Your journal will be used in class EVERY DAY. The notebook will REMAIN IN CLASS. You will store it in your designated area.

Homework/Throwback Thursdays:

- ★ You will have homework once to twice a week. You will also have a Throwback Thursday, every Thursday. It will be due the following Thursday.
- ★ Homework always revolves around what we are doing in class. You are required to bring your binder home so that you have the necessary tools to complete the homework. In middle school, **we DO NOT allow homework folders. You will bring your binder home instead.**
- ★ If your assignment is not completed by class, you will have until 3:00 to complete it, for half-credit. **You will be required to stay after school to complete the assignment.** If it is not handed in by 3:00, it will be marked as a 0.

Corrections Policy:

- ★ Throughout the year, you will complete many CATT short writing responses. You are allowed to do corrections on these responses for a better grade, however you must complete the original assignment on time.
- ★ With all writing assignments, if correct grammar and punctuation is not used, your assignment will be handed back and will need to be corrected. Your grade will remain a zero until completed correctly.
- ★ You may also do corrections on specific Throwback Thursdays (as announced in class). These must be completed using the appropriate correction method discussed in class and are due by the due date.

Participation and Respect:

- ★ You are required to participate in class. This can be done by raising your hand to answer questions, by staying focused and completing notes correctly, or by seeking help if needed.
- ★ It is very important that you are respectful of your peers and teacher(s). Attitude and poor behavior is NOT TOLERATED in class. If this occurs, you will report to the office and your parents/guardians will be notified.

Late/Missed assignments:

- ★ Late work is not accepted. All homework and assignments are due at the beginning of your class period. If you do not complete a homework assignment, you are required to stay after. If you skip the after school time, you will receive a detention.
- ★ If you have trouble with an assignment, you are required to see me **BEFORE CLASS** (forum, in the hallway, during a study hall, lunch, etc). Failure to do so will result in zero credit and you will be required to stay after.