



Tamanend 7th Grade ELA



Language Arts Expectations

2022-2023

Welcome to our classes!

We look forward to working with you this year!

★Course Description★

The Grade 7 English/Language Arts Curriculum is comprised of four concept-based threads to explore throughout the year. These threads include Quest, Choices, Identity and Community. Students will learn and reinforce basic reading strategies and skills for reading more actively. In addition, students will focus on **character** and **plot** when reading fiction and refining reading strategies. The focus of writing in seventh grade is experimenting with **descriptive, informative, and argumentative** writing. Students will learn about **argumentative** writing and complete writing pieces that include an introduction, focused topic sentences, supporting details (such as direct quotations), a conclusion, and organizational features such as smooth transitions between and within body paragraphs. Core assessments are *required* and will be completed in the third or fourth marking period. By the end of the year, students will have studied four novels one drama, and a study of Greek mythology.

★Classroom Expectations★

- ★ Bring all materials, including your independent reading book to class each day.
- ★ Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
- ★ Follow directions the first time they are given.
- ★ Use appropriate language and appropriate classroom behavior.
- ★ Gum/food are not permitted in class. Water bottles may be carried with water only.

★Contact Information★

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Please email us at anytime when you need help with our classes.

Always ask questions when you need help!

★Online Resources★

- ★ Class Link: This is a hub to many of the apps that Central Bucks uses.
- ★ Canvas: accessed through links embedded in Canvas.
- ★ Flocabulary: accessed and using login provided by teacher
- ★ Quill: When logging in, choose "Login with Clever."
- ★ CommonLit: accessed through Class Link for reading and writing practice
- ★ EdPuzzle: accessed through links embedded in Canvas.

★Grading and Assignments★

- Your grade is composed of summative (90%) and formative (10%) assessments.
- Please use *Parent Portal* as a proactive resource for being aware of your grade.
- All work is expected to be submitted on time; **due dates matter!**
- If you see an "M" in your grades, it stands for **MISSING**. This means that the assignment can still be completed and handed in. A missing is calculated as a ZERO until the assignment is completed.
- A **ZERO** indicates that you can no longer earn points for that assignment.
- You will complete two district core assessments this year.

Graded assignments may include:

*District Core
Assessments
Novel Units
Independent Reading*

*Tests
Quizzes
Essays
Research Projects*

*Team Integrations
Speeches
Participation
Homework*

★Reassessment Guidelines★

CBSD secondary students will be provided reassessment opportunities for summative assessments with the understanding that it allows students an opportunity to demonstrate an improved understanding of content after a relearning process after the initial assessment. Reassessments are not meant for the sole purpose of getting a better grade; they are intended for students invested in achieving mastery of the content and related skills.

★If You Are Absent★

CHECK CANVAS You will be able to find important information on Canvas. Use the calendar and your courses to see what you missed during your absence.

CHECK IN WITH YOUR TEACHERS WHEN YOU RETURN TO SCHOOL

Make sure that you touch base with your teacher when you return to school! The best time to do this is at the beginning or the end of class. You are responsible for any materials that you missed during your absence. It is your responsibility to make sure that you know what you missed and what you need to do.

We are excited to spend this year with you! Please see us with questions and concerns!