

MacDowell Preparatory Academy 2021-2022 Course Syllabus

Course: English Language Arts Grade: 6|7|8

Room#: 208

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Conference Time: By appointment only Textbook: No textbook needed

Semester: 1 & 2 # of Weeks: 18 Dates: 9/8/21 - 1/14/22 & 2/1/22 - 6/17/22

Website Address: _____

<i>Course Description</i>	The curriculum is designed to expose you to many forms of text, reading skills, vocabulary, writing techniques, and grammatical concepts. We will work together to develop your ability to understand texts and think abstractly about what you have read. You will learn to be skilled writers who employ effective written, research, and grammatical techniques while incorporating strong, eloquent language. This year we will read many core literature novels, short stories, plays, poetry and informational selections from online sources, articles, magazines and speeches. We will also write for fun, but we will also cover personal narrative, argument essays, research and informational reports. In class we will have time for reading, writing, grammar, and project work, but outside of class you will do your independent reading, studying, completing assignments not already finished in class, and the occasional book project.
<i>Prerequisite classes</i>	No prerequisite is required.
<i>Course Objectives</i>	➤ Your child will analyze, define, compare, and evaluate ideas when reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Readings will include classic and contemporary pieces with diverse perspectives.

<p>Classroom Academic Requirements</p>	<p>Students will be required to do the following work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Read assigned readings (at home and in-class) ● Participate appropriately in class discussions and during group work ● Maintain regular, punctual attendance ● Complete daily Discussion Boards (Do Now's) as assigned ● Work cooperatively in groups as assigned ● Demonstrate understanding of the material ● Complete assigned projects and assignments ● Speak or present as assigned ● Discuss or debate topics as assigned ● Take and organize notes daily ● Maintain binder as a portfolio to show growth, keeping ALL related material
<p>Monthly/Weekly Educational Calendar</p>	<p>Quarter 1: Intro to Poetry & Intro to Literary Analysis Understanding Short Stories & Narrative Writing</p> <p>Quarter 2: Understanding & Analyzing Informational Text Understanding & Analyzing Argumentative Writing</p> <p>Quarter 3: Digging into Literary Analysis & Informational Writing Learning Drama</p> <p>Quarter 4: Poetry in Depth The Research Paper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>**Each quarter we will read and analyze a novel</i> - <i>**We will cover vocabulary, grammar & parts of speech year round</i> <p>Throughout the year we will have tests, quizzes, essays, writing, classwork and homework. The year will include both a midterm and final exams based on material in each half of the year.</p>
<p>Cheating</p>	<p>Cheating and plagiarism are entirely unacceptable. This includes sharing/copying individual assignments, or copying/pasting pieces of writing from another person into your work, while not citing your source(s).</p> <p>If caught cheating in this class or for another class, student will receive a zero on the assignment, communication of the incident will be sent home, and the student will go before the administration</p>
<p>Required Materials</p>	<p>Students are required to BRING with them every class period: (You will not be allowed to go to your locker to retrieve them.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Ink pens BLUE OR BLACK INK ONLY Number 2 Pencils A sturdy 1” binder for notes and writing assignments At least one composition book/notebook <p>Students would be at an advantage to have access to a home computer and printer. If not, students will have to arrange for lab-time at school or in a public library.</p>

	(Note: The binder and its contents will last from September through June.)
Grades & Scoring Procedure	Test/Projects 40% of total grade Quizzes 20% of total grade Classwork/Homework 20% of total grade Participation 10% of total grade Discussion Boards 10% of total grade
Grading System	A 90 - 100 B 80 - 89 C 70 - 79 D 60 - 69 E 59 or below
Classwork/Homework	Students will receive classwork on a weekly basis that they are expected to complete during class time. If they are unable to complete the assignment during time it is then homework, unless other instruction is given. In addition, students may be required to complete research periodically during the scheduled breaks for projects. Each student will be required to submit all assignments to the instructor via in person.
Classroom Rules & Policies Consequences and Rewards <i>(Please see the Student Code of Conduct)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overall, do things that will not prevent or in any way hinder the teacher from teaching you or others. 2. It is expected that students are in class, seated and prepared for instruction within five minutes after the class has commenced. 3. Hall Passes must be displayed by the student and visibly seen in hallways. If not obtained, any adult may and will instruct the student to return back to class. 4. Respect all people, and all property. 5. Cell Phones and other electronic devices, if they are on and make a noise, vibrate or otherwise call attention to themselves, create a disruption. For this reason, these items must be in the off position and turned in at the beginning of class. Misuse of electronic devices may result in consequences in addition to confiscation of the device. Disciplinary consequences will be assigned to any student who is in violation in any way related to electronic devices. 6. Food and drink are not permitted outside of the cafeteria except during school day snack time inside of individual classrooms. 7. No cursing/profanity or name-calling. 8. No grooming during class. 9. Be alert and attentive during class time; no sleeping. 10. Do your best on all assignments. 11. Schedule an appointment as soon as possible to ask for help or to state an issue you have in this class. <p>Negative Consequences.....Students who do not comply will be subject to consequences such as parent phone calls, temporary removal from class, detention, or other administrative intervention if the problem persists.</p> <p>Positive Consequences.....Students who do comply will receive the best possible learning experience, parent phone calls, leadership roles in class, as well as other special treats and/or other administrative rewards.</p> <p>Follow all school rules as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct</p>

<p><i>Classroom Procedures</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quietly enter the classroom (zero noise level), be seated before the bell rings, and begin your Bell Work (Do Now). - Complete your Discussion Board (Do Now) upon arrival. - Follow all directions the first time they are given. - Raise your hand to speak -- DO NOT SPEAK OUT OF TURN. - Once seated - remain seated unless requested or given permission to move - Be prepared daily with supplies and a positive, productive attitude - Respect the property of our school and each other - Treat others as you wish to be treated - even if they don't - Bottles of water are permitted, but may be confiscated if they become a distraction or problem. - No food is permitted in the classroom, unless it is a designated snack time. - No chewing gum. <p><u>Online Etiquette to be Observed By All Students (If virtual learning takes place)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be on Time. 2. Be Prepared (with your supplies, in school uniform, correct posture, and mindset). 3. Be Respectful (of all people and electronic devices) 4. Work from a quiet room (where you can focus and avoid disruptions). 5. Listen and watch the screen carefully. 6. Remain in frame (stay far enough away from the camera and keep your face visible). 7. Use the "hand raise" icon/emoji or type "question" or "help" in the chat box when you need to ask a question or you need help. 8. Parents/Guardians are always welcome to observe classes, but they may not interrupt unless in extreme emergency situations. 9. Students are required to use their given name when onboarding into your class session and cannot use a nickname or numbers. 10. Students that use profane language, are involved in inappropriate behavior, and cyber bullying will be subject to corrective action as outlined in the MacDowell Preparatory Academy Student Code of Conduct.
<p><i>Attendance & Tardiness</i> <i>(Please see the Student Code of Conduct)</i></p>	<p>Please refer to Student Code of Conduct</p>
<p><i>Make-Up Missed Assignments</i> <i>(Please see the Student Code of Conduct.)</i></p>	<p>Acquiring and completing the make-up work is the sole responsibility of the student. Students will be able to make up the work that is missed for a verified absence within the same number of days that they have been verified from school.</p> <p>If a student is absent for more than three consecutive days (excused) they may request their homework from the office. Please notify the Attendance/Counselor Office twenty-four hours in advance of the time you are expecting to pick up the work. Again, the student must be absent for three consecutive days for this homework policy to take effect.</p> <p>Students will be given a due date, and 5 points will be subtracted for each day the assignment is late. Because due dates are given well in advance, no excuses, aside from school absence, will be accepted for late work. After five (5) days, the student will receive a failing grade.</p>

<i>Tips for Success</i>	<p>Follow all school rules as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct</p> <p>Come to class prepared</p> <p>Do the work</p> <p>Pay attention</p> <p>Be organized</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Save all graded assignments.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bring any concerns to the teacher's attention as soon as possible. Do not wait until report cards to tell me you have an issue.</p>

Course Syllabus Acknowledgement Form

Teacher: Ms. Frazier

Course: English Language Arts

Student Name (Print)

Date

Student Signature

Date

Parent Name (Print)

Date

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