

**Bracken County Middle School**  
**7th Grade Language Arts**  
**Course Syllabus**

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**Description:** Seventh grade language arts will focus on reading, writing, spelling, and grammar. Reading materials will include informational, literary, persuasive, and practical workplace reading.

**Comment:** The main goal of this class is to improve students' reading and writing skills.

**Course Standards:**

Students will

- Use a variety of selections such as excerpts from scientific journals, cultural and news magazines, and newspaper articles.
- Use techniques and strategies in order to interpret text effectively.
- Use short stories, novels, essays, poetry, and plays to expose them to a broad range of classical and modern texts that represent both historical and cultural perspectives.
- Identify the meaning of a passage taken from texts recognized as appropriate for seventh grade students.
- Identify the literary elements of literature.
- Respond as critical thinkers by possessing the skill, which allow them to distinguish between fact and opinion in reading materials.
- Gain skills needed to interpret data and follow instructions for everyday purposes.
- Students will begin to write with a clear purpose, much improved idea development, and relevant organization.

**Method of Grade Calculation:** Students will be evaluated on daily class assignments, homework, tests, oral presentations, notebook, and folder.

**Needed Materials:** Pencil  
Pen  
Folder  
Notebook

**Classroom Rules & Procedures:**

- Respect classmates
- Raise your hand before you speak
- Hand in assignments on time

**Classroom Participation/Attendance Policy:** Students are required to participate in classroom activities. Late work will not be accepted. Only students with excused absences will be given grades on make-up work.