Berlin Brothersvalley
Middle School
Year at a Glance Curriculum

English Department
ELA
7th Grade

Course Description:

The 7th grade English Language Arts class is about developing critical reading, writing, listening, speaking, and thinking skills. The class will challenge students with critical reading and thinking skills and equip students with effective writing and communication skills. This course will also prepare students for the eighth grade courses. Please see below for a concise outline of the course.

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Units of Study	Competencies	Approximate Time Frame	Standards
Independent Reading Project, Vocabulary Development and Acquisition, Reading Comprehension Strategies and Application, Assessment, and Remediation of ELA Skills	Students will be able to discuss independent reading through projects, apply academic vocabulary, utilize context clues to define unknown words, explain close reading strategies and annotations, create notices and notes when reading literature, and apply various ELA skills.	7 weeks	
Writing Essentials: Email etiquette	Students will be able to produce professional emails by demonstrating proper English.	1 week	
Short Story and Drama Analysis One, Two, and Three	Students will be able to infer while analyzing short stories, characterize characters, explain irony in a story, and identify vocabulary that impacts a story.	4 weeks	
Elements of Drama (Fiction) and	Students will be able to infer while analyzing a drama, characterize	1 week	

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Non-Fiction Reading and Writing Analysis	characters, explain cause and effect in a story, and identify vocabulary that impacts a story.		
Novel Analysis (Realistic and Historical)	Students will be able to analyze a story for literary elements to include figurative meaning, plot, conflict, and theme, cite evidence, create an essay that includes an introduction, body paragraphs, and conclusion, and summarize and paraphrase text.	9 weeks	
Novel Writing Analysis	Students will be able to analyze a story for literary elements to include figurative meaning, plot, conflict, and theme, cite evidence, create an essay that includes an introduction, body paragraphs, and conclusion, and summarize and paraphrase text.	2 weeks	
Grammar/Writing (Sentences, Punctuation, Pronouns, Verbs, Modifiers)	Students will be able to demonstrate proper pronoun usage and pronoun antecedent agreement, correct fragments and run-ons, apply proper punctuation and commas, verbals, active/passive voice, mood, subject/verb agreement, and verb tense, demonstrate phrases and clauses, correct misplaced and dangling modifiers, and demonstrate ellipsis, parentheses,	5 weeks	
Nonfiction Analysis	Students will be able to explain author's purpose, main idea and text structure in non-fiction pieces, evaluate non-fiction articles, and analyze perspective and bias found in non-fiction.	5 weeks	
Poetry Analysis	Students will be able to analyze poetry for its figurative meanings, connotative meanings, craft, structure, voice,	2 weeks	

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*Please visit pdesas.org for a complete list of standards taught in this course and for more information regarding PA State Standards for this course.

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