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7th Grade English Language Arts and Reading (ELAR) Syllabus

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 7th-grade English Language Arts and Reading (ELAR) course! I'm so excited to be teaching your child this year. As we start this academic journey, I want to provide an overview of the course content and what your child will be learning. This syllabus includes the course curriculum, objectives, grading criteria, required materials, schedule, and classroom rules and expectations. Thank you for your ongoing support, and I can't wait to work with you and your child throughout the year!

Warm regards,
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Course Description:
The 7th-grade ELAR course enhances students' reading, writing, and critical thinking skills. Throughout the year, students engage with various literary genres, develop their analytical abilities, and strengthen their communication skills.

Course Objectives:
- To improve reading comprehension and fluency
- To enhance writing skills across different genres
- To develop critical thinking and analytical skills through literary analysis
- To foster a love for reading and an appreciation of literature
- To strengthen communication skills through class discussions and presentations

Grading Policy:
- Major: 60%
- Minor: 40%

Required Materials:
- Novels and supplementary texts (to be determined)
- Writing supplies (notebook, pens, pencils, etc.)
- Access to online resources and library materials

Classroom Rules and Expectations:
1. Respect: Respect for oneself, classmates, and the teacher is essential.
2. Participation: Active participation in class discussions and activities is expected.
3. Punctuality: Students must arrive on time and be prepared for each class.
4. Academic Honesty: Plagiarism and cheating are not tolerated.

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I/we acknowledge that I/we have received and reviewed the syllabus for our son/daughter's

Name: _____7th-grade ELAR course and understand its contents.

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Parent Printed Name & Signature Date

Please remember to sign and return the bottom part of the syllabus.

We do things the RAIDER way!

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Respect	**Accountability**	**Integrity**	**Determination**	**Engaged**	**Responsibility**

RESPECT- Raiders are respectful
ACCOUNTABILITY- Raiders are accountable
INTEGRITY- Raiders have integrity
DETERMINATION- Raiders are determined
ENGAGED- Raiders are engaged
RESPONSIBILITY- Raiders are responsible

Miscellaneous

- Clear or Mesh Backpacks
- Clear Plastic Water Bottle
- Kleenex
- (2) Composition Notebooks

7 & 8 ELA Supplies

- ☐ Composition Notebook
- ☐ Folder with brads
- ☐ Notebook paper
- ☐ Blue or Black Pens
- ☐ Pencils
- ☐ Glue Sticks