



# ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

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**By the end of seventh grade, students will have had an opportunity to engage with the core concepts listed below.**

- Analyze a variety of texts to determine central ideas, themes, and how authors use literary devices and structure to build meaning.
- Determine the meaning of new words using context clues, word parts (prefixes, suffixes, roots), and reference tools.
- Write narratives that use descriptive language and dialogue to develop a clear plot, characters, and theme.
- Compose informative writing that is well-organized, supported by strong evidence, and includes effective introductions and conclusions.
- Develop persuasive arguments by using sound reasoning and credible evidence to support a claim and address counterarguments.
- Conduct and integrate research by developing a research question, evaluating sources for reliability, and properly citing them using a formal format like MLA.
- Communicate ideas effectively in different settings, from presentations to class discussions, by listening respectfully and sharing original ideas with justification.
- Apply grammar and punctuation rules correctly when writing and editing.
- Produce writing across different genres by following a clear process of drafting, revising, and editing.
- Manage assignments and communicate with the teacher to stay on track, meet deadlines, and seek clarification when needed.



### QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR STUDENT

- "Can you tell me about the book you're currently reading? What is the main idea or theme? How does the author develop it throughout the story?"
- "What's your current writing project? Is it a story, an informational piece, or an argument? What needs to be included in that type of writing?"
- "When you're working on an argument or research paper, what kind of evidence are you using to support your claims? How do you know if a source is trustworthy?"
- "What do you think is the author's purpose in this article or text? Do you agree with their point of view? Why or why not?"



### WAYS TO CHALLENGE THEIR THINKING

- Encourage journaling as a way for your child to record their thoughts, observations, ambitions, and problems.
- Model reading by creating time in your family's daily routine where everyone reads.
- Encourage your student to choose books from different genres, such as science fiction, biographies, mysteries, or fantasy. Exploring new genres can challenge them and broaden their interests.
- Listen to podcasts together, or encourage your child to listen to podcasts of their choice and share what they learned.

