

6th Grade English Language Arts Curriculum Overview

The 6th grade English Language Arts curriculum, *StudySync*, includes a wide variety of literary genres including fiction, nonfiction, poetry, drama and biography to challenge students to master the 6th grade Common Core English Language Arts Standards. The class provides students a wide range of instructional activities in reading, writing, grammar and listening & speaking.

Skills to be developed throughout the course: (bulleted list of skills that students will work on throughout the course)

- Understanding literature
- Comprehending Informational Text
- Developing speaking and listening skills
- Utilizing appropriate grammar in writing and speaking

In Gower Middle's 6th Grade English Language Arts Classrooms:

- Students will be able to read and understand grade level literature and informational texts.
- Students will work to critically analyze a text.
- Students will compare and contrast two different texts as well as visual representations of that text.
- Students will determine the meaning of figurative language throughout a text.
- Students will analyze portions of a text and determine how it contributes to the overall theme.
- Students will make interpretations about a text.
- Students will develop writing pieces in response to texts read throughout the course.
- Students will learn to use and cite specific evidence in their writing to prove an answer.
- Students will develop a claim with two examples of sufficient evidence and reasoning.
- Students will research a topic through credible sources and compile information.
- Students will craft narratives.
- Students will revise and edit their writing.
- Students will participate in classroom discussions.
- Students will lead peer discussions with the guidance of their teacher.
- Students will present information orally to class through a formal presentation.

Units of Study:

- Testing our Limits
- You and Me
- In the Dark
- Personal Best

The Learning Standards for this course are (ie Common Core Standards, Illinois Learning Standards, National Standards). Priority standards should be listed and linked below:

[English Language Arts Common Core Standards](#)