



?? 7th Grade English Language Arts

Midway Elementary School
Mr. Phillip Chumley

?? About the Teacher

Mr. Phillip Chumley has been in education for 25 years, with the last 4 at the middle school level.

[Teacher Bio Link](#)

?? Curriculum

We will follow the *Wit & Wisdom* curriculum. The core reading list includes:

- *The Midwife's Apprentice* – Karen Cushman
- Selections from *Farewell to Manzanar* – Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and James D. Houston
- *Code Talker* – Joseph Bruchac
- Selections from *The Canterbury Tales* – Geoffrey Chaucer (retold by Geraldine McCaughrean)
- *Animal Farm* – George Orwell
- *Call of the Wild* – Jack London

Materials Needed

- Chromebook
- Binder
- Workbook
- Pencil

✔ Classroom Rules

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Bad behavior will never be tolerated. I expect respectful, kind, and mature student behavior at all times.

◆◆ Classroom Procedures

- Class begins with a bellringer writing activity (1–2 paragraphs in the first 10 minutes). •
- Daily agenda, state standards, and assignments are projected and posted on the board. •
- All assignments will be accessible digitally via Google Classroom.

◆◆ Bathroom Policy

Only one student may leave at a time. Please wait until after the bellringer to request a pass.

◆◆ Food & Drink Policy

- Water or spill-proof drinks only
- No energy drinks
- No snacks or food during class.

◆◆ Academic Honesty

- **Zero tolerance** for cheating or plagiarism
- Use of **AI platforms (like ChatGPT)** is not allowed unless explicitly assigned.

◆◆ Grading Scale

- **A:** 100–93%
- **B:** 92–84%
- **C:** 84–75%

- **D:** 74–70%
- **F:** Below 70%

◆◆ Homework Policy

- Homework is due the following day unless otherwise stated.
- Late work will receive point deductions.

◆◆ Absence Policy

- Students have 3 days to make up missed work
- All materials will be posted on Google Classroom.
- It is the student's responsibility to review and submit on time.

◆◆ Digital Platforms Used

- **Google Classroom** (central hub for all class materials and classroom communication)
- Quill
- CommonLit
- ReadWorks

◆◆ Contact Information

- Contact me only via **Remind** (text or call)
- No messages via social media or personal phone
- Responses will be sent during school hours: **7:00 AM – 3:30 PM.**