

7TH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS COURSE OUTLINE

The titles in this outline are recommended only. Any literature located in the grade-appropriate adopted textbook is suitable. If the teacher decides to teach something other than what is in this outline or in the grade-appropriate adopted textbook, it is his/her responsibility to make sure that the alternative selection is NOT being taught at another grade level and that it has been approved by the principal.

SEMESTER I

I. Grammar

- A. Capitalization
- B. Punctuation
 - i. Apostrophes
 - ii. End marks
 - iii. Brackets
 - iv. Dashes
 - iii. Hyphens
 - iv. Quotation marks
 - v. Commas

II. Literature

- A. Novels
 - i. *Old Yeller* (suggested/optional)
- B. Short Stories (All of the following stories are suggested options. Any short story from the adopted textbook would be acceptable.)
 - i. "Rikki-Tikki Tavi"
 - ii. "Amigo Brothers"
 - iii. "User Friendly"
 - iv. "Song of the Trees"
 - v. "After Twenty Years"
 - vi. "No Guitar Blues"
 - vii. "Three Skeleton Key"
 - viii. "A Christmas Carol" (abridged version)
- C. Non-Fiction
 - i. Informational Text
 - ii. Technical Reading

III. Communication

- A. Idioms
- B. Research Paper
- C. Book Review

SEMESTER II

I. Grammar

- A. Sentence Structure
- B. Parts of Speech
 - i. Nouns
 - ii. Adjectives
 - iii. Verbs
 - iv. Adverbs
 - v. Prepositions
 - vi. Conjunctions
 - vii. Interjections
- C. Verbals
 - i. Infinitives
 - ii. Participles
- D. Verb Use
- E. Modifiers

II. Literature

- A. Novels
 - i. *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*
(suggested/optional)
- B. Short Stories (All of the following stories are suggested options. Any short story from the adopted textbook would be acceptable.)
 - i. "Arachne"
 - ii. "Origin of the Seasons"
 - iii. "Flight of Icarus"
 - iv. "Echo and Narcissus"
 - v. "Labors of Hercules"
 - vi. "Aschenputtel"
 - vii. "Yeh-Shen"
 - viii. "The Algonquin Cinderella"
- C. Drama
 - i. *Brian's Song* (suggested/optional)
- D. Poetry (All of the following poems are suggested options. Any short story from the adopted textbook would be acceptable.)
 - i. "The Highwayman"
 - ii. "Annabel Lee"
 - iii. "Sarah Cynthia Sylvia Stout Would Not Take the Garbage Out"
 - iv. "My Father is a Simple Man"
 - v. "Mama is a Sunrise"

III. Communication

- A. Autobiographical Narrative Essay
- B. Poetry Recital

- C. Mythology Summaries/Booklet
- D. Cinderella Story