

7TH GRADE HONORS 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
 - v. Hyphens
 - vi. Quotation marks
 - vii. Commas

II. Literature

- A. Novella
 - i. *A Christmas Carol* (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. "Rip Van Winkle"
- C. Non-Fiction
 - i. Informational Text
 - ii. Technical Reading
- D. Drama
 - i. *Brian's Song* (suggested/optional)

III. Communication

- A. Idioms
- B. Research Paper

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
- D. Verb Use
- E. Modifiers

II. Literature

- A. Novels
 - i. *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* (suggested/optional)
 - ii. *And Then There Were None* (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. "Labors of Hercules"
 - v. "Echo and Narcissus"
- C. Poetry (All of the following poems are suggested options. Any poem 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. Mythology Summaries/Booklet
- C. Poetry Recital
- D. Book Review
- E. *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* Group Lesson/Presentation