

Mrs. Conroy's 7th Grade ELA Syllabus

Course Description

Our class will focus on learning and mastering the English Language Arts Common Core Standards for 7th Grade. We will explore these standards through the use of lectures, note-taking, independent study, and cooperative group learning. To help you accomplish your learning goals, technology, Google Classroom, Holt Literature and Language Arts, and other relevant texts will be utilized.

Required and Suggested Materials*

Please bring the following supplies to class *EVERY DAY*:

- *1. two sharpened pencils and two pens - blue or black ink only
- *2. a book for silent reading
- 3. highlighter pen
- 4. glue stick (not liquid glue)
- 5. colored pencils
- 6. An English folder (for handouts and papers)
- *7. Plenty of lined paper.
- *8. Chromebook

*Starred items are required (non-starred items are helpful, but not required). If for any reason you are unable to get these required items, please let me know and I will make sure you get them.

Task Completion Policy

Tests: Tests with a grade of 69% or below may be retaken at lunch within one week of the test being corrected and returned for the first-time until proficiency is demonstrated. Please get a pass from me to re-take tests PRIOR to coming.

Stamp Sheet: We will use the Stamp Sheet every day. The Stamp Sheet itself is a task completion grade and cannot be made up (except for in the case of an excused absence). Stamp Sheets will be placed on desktops at the beginning of class, filled-out, and remain there until it is time to clean up for the day. Stamp Sheets need to be signed by a parent or guardian before they are turned in on Friday. If you forget to get it signed, it will be turned in anyway. You can make up the points that you lose for not have the signature at a later date by getting your graded Stamp Sheet signed and returned before the end of the trimester.

Make-up Work: It is your responsibility to obtain and complete make-up work missed due to an excused absence. Find out what you missed on the class website, in Google Classroom, from a neighbor, or outside of class time from Mrs. Conroy. Students have the number of days they were absent to make up the work without penalty (Ex.: 1 day out/ 1 day to make up work).

Late Work: Partial credit for late work is minus 5% per day the assignment is late. Work will not be accepted if it is more than one week late.

Handout/Copy Replacement: Paper is not free; it costs our school and it costs our environment. Losing handouts and copies of needed documents will cost you one way or another: choose your price at 3 behavior points on your Stamp Sheet, or \$10 SDSU Cash.

Assignment Points: BEWARE. In English language arts “a point is not a point”. Assignments are weighted so that some are worth more than others on your overall academic grade.

**Homework Assignments* have a 10x multiplier (Don’t be fooled: due to the frequency of these assignments, these points can add up quickly.)

**In Class Assignments* have a 20x multiplier (Slacking on these everyday will cost you BIG TIME.)

**Essays/Long-term Projects* have a 30x multiplier (With three or four a trimester, this means a huge part of your grade.)

**Assessments/Quizzes/Tests* have a 40x multiplier (This is the real biggie—we’re talking major ROCK STAR points—and of course the only way you can be well prepared for these is by doing all the other work, too.)

Please keep the information above, and return the signature page to Mrs. Conroy.

We have read and are aware of all information in Mrs. Conroy's syllabus.

Print student's name _____

Student's signature_____date_____

Parent/guardian's signature_____date_____

Parent's email address (optional) : _____