

6TH GRADE READING



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Course Description

In this reading class, we will focus on comprehension of literature and ways to analyze an author's craft. By the end of the semester, my goal is that you as students will be proficient in analysis of the elements of fiction and will have made progress in your reading level.

Independent Reading & Book Reports

The only regular homework for this class is independent reading. Students are required to read one book a month (minimum of 100 pages) of their own choice. Students will have time each week to read their independent reading book in class and should set aside at least 30 minutes/day to read at home. Every month, a book report based on your independent reading book will be completed in class.

Citizenship & Values

The best learning takes place in a safe community. I expect us all to work together to create the best learning environment for everyone.



Be Prepared

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Come to class with all materials and be ready to work!

Be Respectful

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Our rules and procedures are purposeful and should be respected. I also expect high-quality respect between you and your peers.

Be Compassionate

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Learning in a community requires positive and compassionate language, behavior, and attitude. Bullying in any form will not be tolerated.

Be Honest

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Cheating or any form of dishonesty will not be tolerated. All of your work should be your own.

Be Hard Working

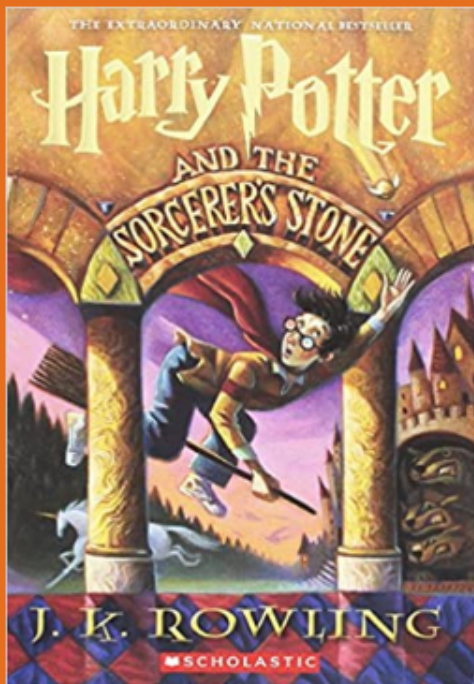
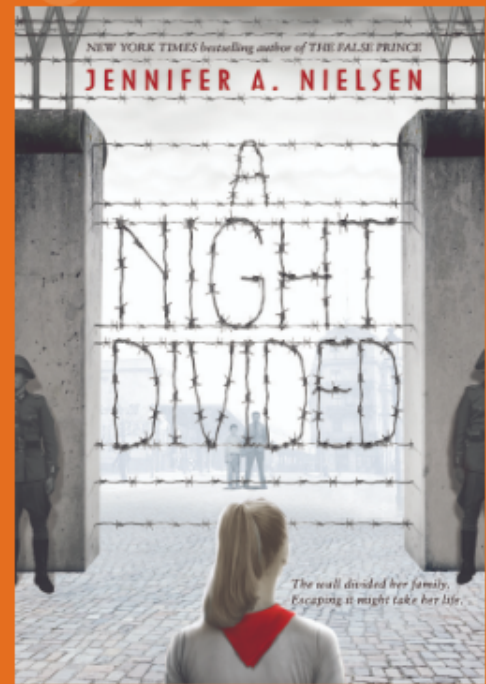
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Classwork and homework are both integral to learning. I expect you to make your best effort to complete all assignments.

**Disregarding or violating any of these values will result in deductions from your citizenship grade as per school policy. The grading scale is as follows:
S = 80-100, N = 50-79, U = 0-49**

Class Novels

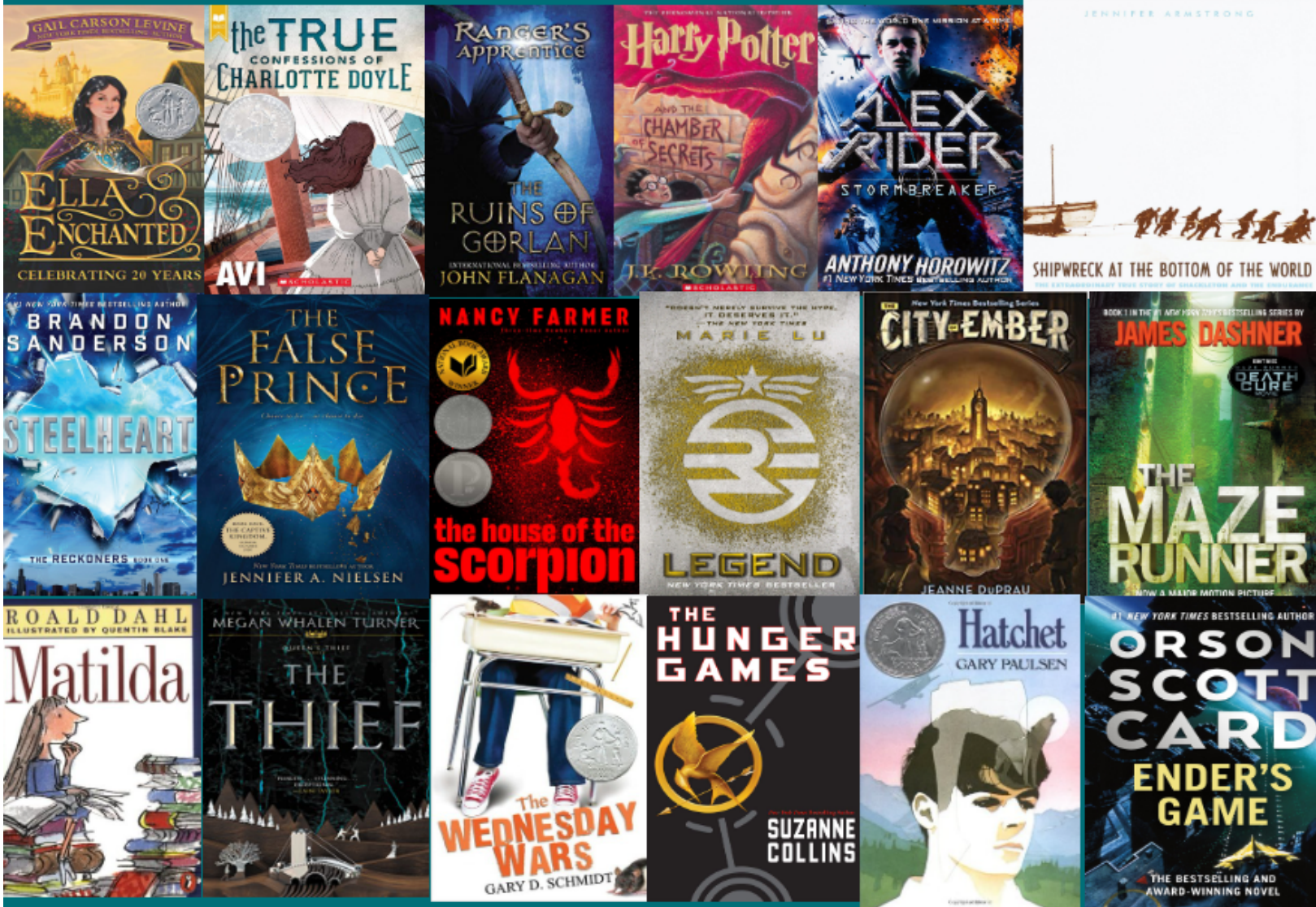
Gerta's life changes overnight when her family is separated by the Berlin Wall. Her teachers and others in her community tell stories of the lawlessness and deception of the West, but all around her people are disappearing for saying the wrong thing or meeting with the wrong people. Is she truly safe in East Berlin, ruled by the Communist Party, or does the West offer the salvation she needs?



The Harry Potter series was a phenomenon of children's literature, but is not read as often anymore. It's a story that has it all: a hero overcoming evil of all shapes and sizes, best friends working together, finding the strength within yourself, coming of age, and more. It's a classic for a reason!

Literature Circles

Our class will conduct two rounds of literature circles. Students will agree to read a book with a small group and direct their own discussions each week. Below is the list of books to choose from, though not every book will be available during every round.



Procedures

Here is some brief, important information to help our class run smoothly. These procedures directly relate to our citizenship and values.

Attendance

You will undoubtedly get the most out of your education if you are present and prepared. However, with all the tools at our disposal, it is important that you stay home if you are feeling sick. I will post all assignments and materials on Canvas where you can access them at home. You are expected to complete assignments you miss while you are absent.

Cellphones & Other Devices

Cellphones and other personal technology devices directly interfere with your learning while at school. These devices will remain in your backpack or stored near my desk for the entire class period. In accordance with school policy, I will confiscate any cellphone, etc. I see and send it to the office for the rest of the day. After 2 offences, your parent or guardian will need to come to school to claim your device.

Consequence Cycle

Consequences will follow this order: 1) a verbal warning from me, 2) another verbal warning and a point deduction from your citizenship grade, 3) an email or phone call to your parents and another point deduction from your citizenship grade, and finally 4) involvement of an administrator and any action they feel is appropriate.

Technology

Our classroom is fortunate to have Chromebooks at our disposal each day for each student. Students will be held accountable for their care of the Chromebooks. I will follow Nebo District policies regarding media and technology in the classroom.

Classroom Library

I have a large collection of books available in the classroom. I encourage students to hone the skills necessary to access, select, use, and effectively evaluate their reading materials. I have not read every book on my shelves and therefore cannot vouch for the content of each book. If you have any questions or concerns about a book you choose, please let me know.

Grading Scale

- ✔ A 84.5-100%
- ✔ B 69.5-84.4%
- ✔ C 54.5-69.4%
- ✔ F 0-54.4%



**“Education is the most powerful
weapon for changing the world.”
-Nelson Mandela**