

7th Grade English

There is more treasure in books than in all the pirates' loot on Treasure Island ... and best of all, you can enjoy these riches every day of your life.
-Walt Disney

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Class Objectives:

In keeping with the Utah Core Standards, our class will be rigorously engaged in reading and writing as well as improving speaking and listening skills. By the end of the year, our goal is to proficiently analyze both informational and literary texts, construct effective arguments and narratives, and make progress in our reading levels.

Year Highlights:



***Touching Spirit Bear* - Literary Analysis**

***Ghost* - Narrative Writing**

**Grade-Level Short Stories
and Informational Texts**
*Included in the 7th grade
textbook, Commonlit, and
Newsela

Research Presentation

Students are also expected to
read independently 20-30 minutes per day.

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 ...

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

Be Respectful ...

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

Be Compassionate ...

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

Be Honest ...

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

Be Hard Working ...

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 = 86-100, N = 60-85, U = 0-59

Procedures

Attendance

- You will 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.

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.

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.

Cellphones & Personal 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.

Grading Scale

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



Thank you!