Academic Night for Language & Literature

7th & 8th Grade Curriculum, Assessment, and Communication.

7th Grade Curriculum

Student-centered & Inquiry-based

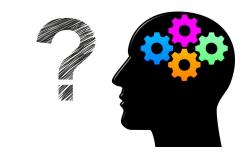
Objectives:

A: Analyze

(Explain text and justify ideas)

B: Organize

(Logical flow of ideas using tools)



C: Produce Text (Create thoughtful documents)

D: Use Language (Grammar, mechanics, vocabulary, and sentence structures)

7th Grade Units

- 1. Connections & Characters
- 2. Systems & Structure
- 3. Community & Themes
- 4. Conflict & Point of View
- 5. Change & Audience Imperatives
- 6. Creativity & Structure

Summative Assessment

- 1. Teach a lesson
- 2. Journal of notes and a test
- 3. Blogging
- 4. Debate
- 5. Research Paper (Fully annotated MLA)
- 6. Children's book in verse for the Kindergarteners

8th Grade Curriculum

Student-centered & Inquiry-based

Objectives:

A: Analyze

(Explain text, compare texts, and justify ideas)

B: Organize

(Logical flow of ideas using tools)



C: Produce Text (Create thoughtful, imaginative, and personal documents)

D: Use Language

(Grammar, mechanics, vocabulary, and sentence structures)

8th Grade Units

- 1. Identity & Characterization
- 2. Time and Place & Setting
- 3. Relationships & Theme
- 4. Communication & Bias
- 5. Global Perspective & Self-expression
- 6. Creativity & Self-expression

Summative Assessment

- 1. Website
- 2. Small group/speech
- 3. Persuasive advertisements
- 4. Research Paper (Annotated MLA)
- 5. Holocaust Center of Seattle Contest (with I&S)
- 6. Memory poems

Curriculum Resources

- Rubrics
- Novels
- Short Stories
- Poems
- Drama
- Multimedia

- Grammar textbooks
- Write Source

Student-created

- Writing Journal
- Response Journal



ATL's: Approaches to Learning

- Communication
 - Through interaction
 - Through language
- Self-management
 - Organization
 - Affective Skills
 - Reflection
 - Research

- Social
 - Collaboration
 - Attributes
- Thinking
 - Critical
 - Creative
 - Transfer

Assessment for L&L



- IB rubrics and grading scale (0-8)
- Grading based on progress
- Student conference and feedback
- Feedback and evidence of progress in PowerSchool
- All units can be reworked at any time until end of Trimester
- Flexible due dates with student accountability
- Only larger formative assessments and summative assessments (evidence) count in final grade

Communication



- New Units on Website
- Homework Chart
- Google Classroom for Students
- Ask your student to email
- Parent email or conference