



7th Grade English 2022-2023
Mrs. Locke-Jones and Mr. Marinelli

In 7th grade English, students will focus on developing strong reading, writing, speaking and thinking skills. Students will be challenged and engaged every day in the following:

Writing

Students will write daily in class in both informal and formal styles throughout the year. The writing process will be used (prewriting, drafting, editing, revising, publishing) as students explore different types of writing and different purposes for writing. Writing skills are extremely important to succeed at the best Baltimore City high schools and the most prestigious colleges and universities. Specific types of writing in 7th grade include:

- Journal Writing
- Expository Writing
- Argumentative Writing
- Creative Writing
- Writing Poetry

Year at a Glance:

Throughout the school year, students will study, analyze, and explore a variety of texts and themes. Through our novel studies, students will be asked to make connections to society, other forms of literature, as well as themselves. Novels may be accessed through Actively Learn and Google Classroom.

This year's novels are:

Q1: *The Diary of Anne Frank: The Play* by Alfred Hackett and Frances Goodrich

Q2: National History Day

Q3: *The Giver* by Lois Lowry

Q4: *Miracles' Boys* by Jacqueline Woodson

Note-Taking

7th-grade students will learn a specific style of note-taking called Double Entry Journal, and we will refine our note-taking skills throughout the year. Students are expected to keep a neat notebook on Google Classroom with their notes and class assignments in order.

Speaking and Listening

Academic talk plays a very large and very important role in Mrs. Locke-Jones' class. Students will be expected to speak to each other in an academically appropriate way as well as actively listen to what others have to say. Many assignments will involve speaking and listening, including:

- Oral presentations (individual and group)
- Literature Circles
- Group work
- Whole class debates
- Socratic Seminars

Mrs. Locke-Jones' Classroom Rules

- Follow the directions the first time they are given.
- Use respectful and appropriate language.
- Respect personal space.
- Respect airtime.
- Clean and Safe Environment.

Student Behavior and Consequences

Students are expected to behave in accordance with the classroom rules. Failure to follow the rules will result in specific consequences that are consistent with the consequences for Hampstead Hill Academy.

- Verbal Warning
- Demerit
- Hallway Conversation + 2nd Demerit
- Restorative Room Referral + 3rd Demerit
- Detention, Loss of all daily points.

Grading

Students will receive progress reports from Mrs. Locke-Jones to give them feedback on their grades in class, and grades are weighted in the following categories:

- *Assessments & Quizzes 60%*
- *Classwork + Participation 30%*
- *Homework 10%*

Portfolios

Throughout the year, students will be compiling their best work into a 7th-grade student work portfolio. Students will end the year with four portfolio pieces per class (12 portfolio pieces total).

Contact/Communication

- You can reach me by using the Class Dojo app or by scheduling a zoom call 48 hours in advance. I am available for contact from 8 am-5 pm.
- You can expect me to answer any Dojo message within 24 hours M-F and the first thing on Monday morning during the weekend.
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In the case of a close contact or quarantine, the 7th Grade team will provide a zoom link in order for students to ask questions or receive instruction. In order to best support your virtual learning experience and academic success, the 7th-grade team has created a set of Virtual Learning and Zoom Norms.

Virtual Learning Norms

1. Login in daily! Please remember to check your email and Google Classroom at the beginning of each morning.
2. Read all instructions on Google Classroom and each assignment.
3. Plagiarism is unacceptable. Any work submitted that is not your own will result in a zero.
4. Always use appropriate and academic language when communicating with staff and students.
5. Complete work on time and to the best of your ability. Feel free to ask questions via Dojo.