

# Overview

These courses will strengthen your reading and writing skills. We will read a variety of literature sources including those from multiple genres. In our class students will assume the role of literary scholars and critical thinkers. As such, the ability to comprehend and summarize is expected. We will work to develop the ability to analyze and **think critically about literature**. Students will become knowledgeable on using the **text as evidence** to support an argument. We will also study how authors use **literary devices, elements, and word choice** to enhance their literature. The core of these tasks will always be in strengthening your reading and writing skills.

# Essential Learning

- ✓ I can support my analysis and understanding of a text by citing relevant details from that text.
- ✓ I can analyze the author's choices regarding the development of characters, ideas or themes, the setting, as well as the structure of the text.
- ✓ I can analyze and evaluate how effective an argument is.
- ✓ I can determine the author's purpose in a text and analyze the effect it has on the text itself.
- ✓ I can analyze literary devices as well as word choice in order to better understand a text.
- ✓ I can determine the meaning of words using context clues and roots, prefixes, and suffixes.
- ✓ I can use English grammar and conventions appropriately and correctly.
- ✓ Apply the writing process through planning, drafting, revising, and editing.
- ✓ I can write an effective argumentative essay.

# WELCOME TO ELD English



# Mrs. Palm

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**be kind**  
**stay** engaged  
**work hard**

**Beginning of class** → Take a seat, put your phone/headphones away, submit any homework assignments, complete your entry task, and wait for further instruction.

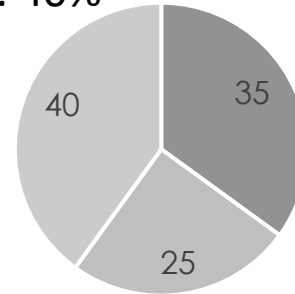
**During class** → Be an active participant in your learning. Listen, collaborate, and ask questions.

**End of class** → Stay in your seat until dismissal by Mrs. Palm

Class Work: 35%

AR: 25%

Quizzes/ Tests: 40%



**LATE WORK:**

Make-up work is always accepted!  
Make sure to check the purple box  
when you have been absent.

You will be required to read at home for

**20 minutes** every day!

Reading is essential to your success at Garry Middle School.



## Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty will NOT be tolerated under any circumstances. Cheating, copying, or plagiarism of any form will result in the following consequences:

- failure of the assignment
- disciplinary referral
- parent contact
- **JUST DON'T DO IT.**

## Required

- ✓ Binder
- ✓ Computer
- ✓ Pens/Pencils
- ✓ AR book
- ✓ A positive attitude

