



Seventh Grade English First Semester 2021-2022

Mrs. Powell

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Course Outline

This class is designed to continue to build our critical reading, writing, and researching skills. We will be studying a variety of texts throughout the year and challenging you to think outside the box.

Units of Study

The theme of Seventh Grade ELA is Choices, so everything we read or write this entire year will revolve around the choices people make. Here are the different focuses for this semester:

Unit One: Personal Narratives and Myths

Unit Two: Advertisements and Argumentative Writing

We will also be doing at least one book report during this semester on a book each student chooses.

Contacting Mrs. Powell



The best way to reach me is through email. I will respond to you within 24 hours, if not sooner. As I travel for morning classes and share a room in the afternoon this will be the easiest and best way to reach me.

Required Materials for Success

- ❖ A writing utensil
- ❖ Charged laptop
- ❖ Binder to keep work in
- ❖ SpringBoard Workbook (which will be left in class most days)
- ❖ Planner
- ❖ An open mind and great attitude

Grading Scale

A 100%-90% B 89%-80%

C 79%-70% D 69%-60%

F 59% and below



Every Day

The expectation every day is that students come in with an open mind and ready to learn. Once the bell rings the expectation is that you are working on your Bell Ringer that will be posted on the front screen. Once your Bell Ringer is done, please silently read and wait for instructions.

Behavior Expectations

The biggest rule in our classroom is respect. Respect for Mrs. Powell. Respect for the other students in Garry Middle School. Respect for property. Most importantly respect for yourself. Students are expected to speak with good purpose and not use any words or sayings that are offensive. Students are also expected to be mindful and respectful of other student's work time. If a student cannot handle respecting other student's worktime, there will be varying levels of consequences.

Homework, Late and Make-Up work

I do not enter zeros for missing work, all missing assignments will result in a 30% grade in the gradebook. If you are absent, it is your responsibility to check the class calendar to see what it is that you missed. The number of days that you are absent is the number of days that you have to make-up your work. Once a student returns to

school they are expected to check the and get any work that they missed from the folder for that day. **Students will have until the late work deadline, the last Friday of the month, to get missing assignments turned in. After the late work deadline, the 30% will stay in the gradebook.**

Plagiarism /Cheating/ Dishonesty

Honesty and respect are my two guiding principles and rules. If a student caught plagiarizing, cheating, or being dishonest they will have **ONE** chance to own their mistake. If a student does admit to what they did, they will be given the chance to redo the assignment/assessment for no better than a 75% grade. If they do not admit to what they did the consequence will mirror the school’s policy on the matter.

Phones/Non-School Devices

Here is my deal with devices: I know that you have them on you and will look at them from time to time. Please keep all non-school devices in your bag during instruction time. You can have them out (listen to music quietly) during work time. If I see your device out during instruction time, I will politely give you two warnings and if those are not enough then I will confiscate your device until the end of class.



Please read through the course syllabus with a parent/guardian and return this bottom portion signed by Monday, September 13, 2021.

****This will be going in the gradebook so please make sure that you do it! ****

Student Name: _____ **Class Period:** _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Preferred Method of Contact: _____

Anything Mrs. Powell needs to know about your student: