

English 7

August 29 – September 7, 2018

Teacher: Mr. Glazer

Course Overview

In English 7, we will work toward mastering the fine arts of close reading, deep listening, thoughtful analysis, clear writing, and eloquent speech. **Our essential question for the school year is “What is freedom?”** As we reflect on this question, we will read, analyze, and discuss *The Call of the Wild*, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave*, the literature of the women’s suffrage movement, Dr. Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream” speech, the poetry of Emily Dickinson and Robert Frost, *Great Expectations*, *The Tempest*, among many other works.

Schedule

English 7 meets four days each week for language and literature study: Monday from 12:26-1:13; Tuesday from 1:17-2:04; Wednesday from 10:59-11:46; Thursday from 10:59-11:46.

For composition, we break into two smaller groups: Section 7A meets Monday and Thursday from 10:08-10:55; section 7B meets on Tuesdays from 12:26-1:13 and Fridays from 10:08-10:55.

English 7 classes are often broken up into two parts: a preliminary lesson and a main lesson. Preliminary lessons are structured as follows:

Monday:	Vocabulary
Tuesday:	Grammar
Wednesday:	Poetics & Rhetoric
Thursday:	Spo-cab quiz

Our main lessons focus on literature study.

Supplies

Each day you must bring the following items to class:

1. A binder with lined, loose-leaf paper
2. Your iPad
3. The required text(s)
4. A pencil or pen
5. Assignments due that day
6. Your full attention

Note: You will receive a point off each time you forget your materials.

Required Texts

Vocabulary from Classical Roots, Level B

Realms of Gold 2

Warriner's English Composition and Grammar (First Course)

A variety of novels, plays, poems, speeches, stories, and essays.

Please make book covers to protect your texts!

Homework

All homework is to be completed by the assigned due date listed on the weekly assignment sheet. Late work not covered by an excused absence (illness or planned absence form) will be marked down five points per day. If you talk to me *in advance*—before an issue arises—I will try to be flexible.

Composition

We begin the school year with a close reading of Jack London's *The Call of the Wild*. After discussing a number of different ways to approach the novel—through narration, characterization, dialogue, plot, conflict(s), theme, imagery, and symbolism—**you will have four composition periods to outline, draft, revise, polish, and cover a two- to three-page essay.**

English

Frederick Douglass mastered reading, writing, and rhetoric through his careful study of three texts: The Bible, Noah Webster's *American Dictionary of the English Language*, and Caleb Bingham's *Columbian Orator*. Our first unit in English 7, "Literacy for Liberty," will focus on the life, education, and writings of Frederick Douglass.

Grammar

Grammar lessons will typically be held on Tuesday afternoons. They will last approximately one-third to one-half of the class period. Your textbook will be *Warriner's English: Composition and Grammar (First Course)*. Be sure to bring your grammar textbooks to class every Tuesday! Your first grammar lesson will take place on **Tuesday, September 11.**

Vocabulary

In general, vocabulary lessons will be held on Mondays. Our textbook is *Vocabulary from Classical Roots: Book B*. Please be sure to bring your book to school every Monday. I encourage you to turn in your vocabulary book early and make corrections as necessary. Chapter 1 will be due on **Monday, September 10.**

Independent Reading & Writing

In addition to regularly assigned class reading, you will select books to read for pleasure. Reading logs will help me keep track of your reading. **Reading logs will be collected on Wednesdays, beginning on September 12.**

Spo-cab

Spo-cab quizzes take place on most Thursdays. Each week, twelve words will be quizzed, with the words inspired by the texts we are studying. Each incorrect word must be spelled correctly *seven* times for collection in class by the following Friday. As corrections are made points will be added to your score. **Our first quiz will be held on next TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.**

For assistance, please visit mr_glazer @ Quizlet.

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epigraph	exposition	ferine	imperious
inciting incident	metamorphosis	motif	primordial

Overall Grades

Preparing for and participating in class are essential aspects of learning and will comprise one-eighth of your grade. Your overall grade in English 7 will be determined as follows: grammar, 12.5%; spelling, 12.5%; vocabulary, 12.5%; composition, 25%; literature, 25%; participation, 12.5%.