

ENGLISH SYLLABUS

7th Grade English
Mr. Johnson
2019-2020

OBJECTIVE

Our goal this year is to build, utilize, and refine our reading, writing, and communication skills to become more engaged, effective, and cognizant people. We will study writing, grammar and mechanics of language as well as continuing to explore literature in various genres. Learning will be demonstrated a variety of ways including tests, quizzes, papers, projects, presentations, debates and creative writings.

GRADING BREAKDOWN

Bigfork Middle School Grading Scale is as follows:

- 100%-90% - A
- 89%-80% - B
- 79%-70% - C
- 69%-60% - D
- 59%-lower - F

REQUIRED MATERIALS

- *3 ring binder & 5 dividers
- *Pens or pencils (all year)
- *Spiral or Comp notebook for English class only!
- *Glue stick or similar
- *Loose-leaf paper for assignments
- *Colors (colored pencils or markers)

READING LIST

Please show this list to your parents so they can be aware of your studies. The following will be read during 7th grade with Mr. Johnson:

- 1) *Fever 1793*
- 2) *Uglies*
- 3) *Out of the Dust*
- 4) *Walk Two Moons*
- 5) *Sherlock Holmes: The Adventure of the Red-Headed League*
- 6) *Montana Chillers: 13 True Tales of Ghosts and Hauntings*

PARTIAL READING LIST

OTHER NOVELS, SHORT STORIES, POEMS AND TEXTBOOK EXCERPTS YOU MAY READ INCLUDE:

- 1) *Sweetgrass Basket*
- 2) Various short stories and poems from the 7th Grade Literature Text Book.

**As the year progresses, there is the possibility that additional texts will be added as needed.*

MAKE UP WORK (MISSED CLASSES)

If you miss a class, YOU are responsible for checking the whiteboard for information about activities and work you may have missed. Ask your peers for clarification of directions before or after class. If you need additional help from Mr. Johnson, please arrange to come in during lunch, or before or after school, DO NOT INTERRUPT class time.

- All assignments, quizzes, tests or projects are due ONE DAY AFTER YOUR ABSENCE. Quizzes and tests must be redone outside of class.

FOOD POLICY

I understand you have a late lunchtime, and having a quick snack in class will be allowed; however, full lunch consumption will not be allowed in English class! The rule of thumb is: if you can hold your snack in your lap while you are actively writing or reading you can have it in class. No lunches unpacked onto your desk taking up desk/learning space. THIS IS ENGLISH CLASS. YOU NEED TO BE ABLE TO READ AND WRITE AT ALL TIMES. **If you have a question about what is permitted, clear it with me first.*

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Cell phones and personal computers may be used only with teacher permission. Cell phones should not even be on your desk (because they are so tempting) without teacher permission. If you need to call a parent, or if you have a personal situation going on that requires immediate communication just let me know and I will allow you to use my phone. You may not wear headphones in my classroom unless you specifically ask and are granted permission from me. If a phone or other electronic device is being used outside the scope and purpose of the class without the teacher's permission, the device will be confiscated and very well might end up with a selfie of Mr. Johnson, which no one wants.

PARENTAL PERMISSION

Due to the media literacy requirements of Common Core Standards, and also popular demand, we will view different movies, documentaries and media snippets in this class. Please initial below whether or not your student has permission to watch PG (or TV-PG) rated fiction and documentaries throughout the year. If high rating movies are necessary, a separate slip will be sent home.

Initial one:

_____ I give my student permission to watch PG viewings in English class.

_____ I do not give my student permission to watch PG viewings in English class.

I have read the above and understand the expectations reviewed. **Please sign and return the Parental Permission and Contract to Mr. Johnson by Monday, September 9th, 2019.**

Parent or Guardian Name

Student Name

Parent or Guardian Signature

Student Signature

PARENT OR GUARDIAN EMAIL
(*Please provide your most used email address. Thanks!)

Date