



7th Grade English Curriculum

TestM.P	Topic:	Length	Guiding Questions	Reading/Writing Assignments	Reading and Writing Assessments
1-4	Vocabulary Development/ SAT Preparation	ongoing	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What words in the sentence provide context clues to a word's meaning.2. How are sentences constructed?3. How do words work together to make sentences?	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Use of context clues to determine word meanings.2. Various sentence structures are taught and practiced on a weekly basis.3. Parts of speech are reinforced through weekly collaborative practice.	Various Wonder Words Tests Wonder Words Assessment Example
1-4	Independent Reading	ongoing	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How does an author create a character?2. How do the six traits of writing apply to independent novels?3. What are the main events that sequence a story?	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reading Logs2. Book Talks	W: Reading Logs R: Free-Reading Books Book Presentation Evaluation



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1	Narrative Writing Memoir	14 weeks	<p>How did your feelings change from the start of the event to the resolution?</p> <p>What was the lesson learned by this experience?</p> <p>How does dialogue create characterization?</p> <p>How does the author's craft/the use of figurative language improve the story telling?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Use of the mentor text “Snowy Tumble” and other student writing to analyze the memoir story elements.2. Narrative Plot Planner in personal memoir development.3. Figurative language and author’s craft definitions and notes.4. Character development through dialogue.5. Collaborative revision and editing.	<p>W: Memoir</p> <p>Memoir Rubric</p> <p>R: Analyzing Provided Memoirs</p>
2-3	Argumentative / Informational Reading Current Topic: Should the United States continue to mint the penny?	10 weeks	<p>What are the differences between argumentative and descriptive writing?</p> <p>What makes a source credible?</p> <p>What are the types of evidence?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Use of argumentative examples to analyze the claims and evidence.2. Website credibility notes and practice3. MLA formatting and notetaking.4. Scaffolded writing of a	<p>R: Various source documents.</p> <p>W: Argumentative Checklist and Rubric</p>



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			How do you cite sources in MLA format? What makes strong commentary?	five-paragraph essay. 5. Collaborative revision and editing	
4	Narrative Reading Current Novel: <i>Soldier's Heart</i>	9 weeks	1. How does the author's craft and the use of figurative language improve the novel? 2. In a historical novel, how does setting impact the story telling? 3. How does the character develop (change) throughout the novel?	1. Civil War map skills and facts. 2. Character Changes Chart. 3. Chapter Summaries. 4. Note Taking on Figurative and Sensory Language.	R: Analyzing <i>Soldier's Heart</i> W: Post-Reading Essay Post Reading Essay