

Language Arts C – Period 2
Mrs. Harris - Room 4
Mercer Area School District

Course Description:

The students will be learning English Language Arts (ELA) concepts that align to the PA Common Core Standards (CCS). Units are developed related to specific skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening. Please refer to the district website under Middle/High School - Academics – Middle/High School Curriculum - English 9 for more details. We will be using a variety of materials as listed below.

Instructional Materials:

- Language! Book C Textbook
- Language! Book C Interactive Text
- Skill Lessons
- Interactive Worksheets
- Oral and Written Instruction
- Novels and selected reading passages
- Prentice Hall Literature: Grade 9

Assessments:

- Language! C: Assessment: Content Mastery
- Language! C: Summative Assessments
- Fluency and comprehension progress monitoring assessments
- Literary device concept worksheets
- Character map
- Story map
- Novel comprehension questions, vocabulary, quizzes, and tests
- Argumentative, Narrative, and Informative Essays; summative assessments
- Text-Dependent Analysis
- Inferencing from short stories and poetry; formative assessments
- Parts of speech; formative assessments (formal & informal)
- Punctuation; formative assessments (formal & informal)

- **Classroom Expectations:** Students are expected to arrive at class ready to learn and actively participate. Students need to always be prepared with a pencil, their planner and most importantly, a positive attitude. Other materials needed for class will remain in the classroom. Participation in all class activities and assignments is essential. If a student is absent, it is his/her responsibility to check about making up work missed.
- **Homework:** Homework will not be assigned on a daily or weekly schedule, but rather on an as needed basis. Homework may involve a review or extension of a skill or a lesson or study for an upcoming assessment. Students will be asked to write down any homework assignments in their student planner.
- **Grades:** Students will be given grades for classwork (40% of total grade), tests/quizzes (50% of total grade) and homework (10% of total grade). See Grading Scale below:

Grading Scale:

96.5 ↑ A+
 92.5 ↑ A
 89.5 ↑ A-
 86.5 ↑ B+
 82.5 ↑ B
 79.5 ↑ B-
 76.5 ↑ C+
 72.5 ↑ C
 69.5 ↑ C-
 66.5 ↑ D+
 62.5 ↑ D
 59.5 ↑ D-
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