

<b>ENGLISH 7</b>		<b>YEAR 2021-2022</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Room 113/ Periods 1, 3, 7</b>	
<b>Instructor</b>	<b>Nicole Walzer</b>	
<b>Planning, Lunch and Office Hours</b>	<b>Planning: Period 9</b> <b>Lunch: Period 5</b> <b>Advisory Period</b> <b>Office Hours: 3:15-3:45 or by appointment</b>	<b>Parent/ legal guardians who have questions or desire a parent teacher conference should call the guidance department at 724-662-2272, ext.20.</b>
<b>Email</b>	nwalzer@mercerc.k12.pa.us	
<b>Class Website</b>	<b>Google Classroom</b>	
<b>Additional Communication</b>	<b>Parents can join the Google Classroom and/ or access information on the Mercer School District Website.</b>	
<b>Description</b>	<p>English 7 combines the ELA common core standards for grade 7 learners with the tools necessary to be proficient on the PSSA ELA test.</p> <p>Reading and writing go hand-in-hand. This class will use articles and literature as foundations for developing arguments and analysis in writing. Students will also strengthen grammar and vocabulary for communicating ideas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will be asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Annotate complex texts</li> <li>○ Cite evidence from a text in a literary analysis</li> <li>○ Trace how an argument develops based upon the validity of evidence</li> <li>○ Develop a working vocabulary</li> <li>○ Write with a clear focus and structure in multi-paragraph responses</li> <li>○ Write and share a variety of styles</li> <li>○ Master 7th grade grammar skills</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>All 7th grade English students will need to join the Google Classroom for the 2021-2022 school year. Additional learning APPs will be required for students and parents, as well. Information regarding how to download and join these platforms will be provided by the teacher as needed.</p>	
<b>Texts Used</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"> Non-Fiction Articles  Short story selections  Persuasive Essays  <i>A Long Walk to Water</i>, Linda Sue Park  Selections of Poetry  Excerpts from <i>Edith Hamilton's Mythology</i>  <i>Anthem</i>, Ann Rand </p>	

<b>Homework Policy and Behavioral Philosophy</b>	<p>Homework will be assigned as needed to provide students an opportunity to practice concepts taught in class that day or be a review of previously covered material. It is expected that each student will give his/her best effort on homework assignment-utilizing the textbooks and class notes/examples as references to complete homework. Appropriate <u>work will be shown</u> which will enable the student and/or instructor to identify errors. Students will be expected to have homework with them when they arrive to class.</p> <p>Having your homework is part of being prepared for class. Subsequent offenses will receive the consequences as stated in the school handbook.  <b>Any student who displays habitually negative behaviors will meet with the principals.</b></p>	<b>Homework Philosophy</b> <p>"The application of homework within almost every learning activity is a valuable means of reinforcement and evaluation. It is the teacher's role to define such assignments and the responsibility of the students to complete them on time. Parents must also assume their responsibility in regard to student homework; therefore, proper communication between the home and the school are vital in establishing assignments, which can significantly contribute to the overall educational process."</p>
<b>Grading</b>  <b>96.5 A+</b> <b>92.5 A</b> <b>89.5 A-</b> <b>86.5 B+</b> <b>82.5 B</b> <b>79.5 B-</b> <b>76.5 C+</b> <b>72.5 C</b> <b>69.5 C-</b> <b>66.5 D+</b> <b>62.5 D</b> <b>59.5 D-</b> <b>Below F</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Quizzes/ Tests</b></li> <li>● <b>Practice Activities/ "Homework"</b></li> <li>● <b>Projects</b></li> <li>● <b>Participation</b></li> <li>● <b>Journals</b></li> <li>● <b>Writing Assignments</b></li> <li>● <b>Speeches/ Videos</b></li> </ul> <p>Grades are calculated using total points system. Your writing will be evaluated using the PA Writing Rubrics and a teacher generated rubric specific to the assignment. Projects will be graded using rubrics and checklists as well. Test and quiz grades are entered into my grade book by points for correct answers. Keep up with your work and do not fall behind in reading the assigned literature because "pop" quizzes are possible. No matter what, you will always know how something is graded before you start the assignment. Students should keep a record of point totals in case there is a discrepancy. Grades will be updated weekly.</p> <p><b>Do not be afraid to ask for help or advice to improve your work. I am here to help you. I <u>do not</u> give bonus points, however, students have opportunities to revise/ reattempt some projects during the year.</b></p> <p><b>Late assignments, other than daily homework, will result in a deduction of one letter grade for each day late.</b></p>	<b>Academic Integrity</b> <p>"Students caught cheating, plagiarizing, copying homework and/or test, quizzes, and using a paper from the Internet will be given a "0" (zero) on that assignment. In addition, their name will be reported to the office and filed in the event of future violations. Repeated violation could result in removal from class and a non-passing grade."</p> <p><b>When a student is in jeopardy of failing, a progress report will be sent home.</b></p>

<b>Classroom Rules</b>	<p><b>To be GREAT in Grade 7, I expect you to...</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Treat everyone with dignity and respect.</li> <li>2. Acknowledge and respect the right of others to learn.</li> <li>3. Be prepared, on time, in your seat and ready to begin when the bell rings.</li> <li>4. Ask questions and seek out help when necessary.</li> <li>5. Complete all assignments to the very best of your ability in a timely manner.</li> <li>6. Assume the responsibility to gather and complete make-up work when absent.</li> <li>7. Stay on task and know your learning target.</li> </ol> <p><b>All rules and consequences described in the Mercer Area Middle-High School Student Handbook will be observed in the English classroom. Students are asked to read the handbook and sign the pledge to indicate that they understand the policies and procedures of the building.</b></p>	<p><b>Missing School and Make Up Work</b></p> <p>Mercer Middle/High School is a 1:1 school. This means that ALL assignments will be posted to Google Classroom. If a student misses English class, for any reason, the make-up work is available directly from Google Classroom. Not all learning experiences can be made-up outside of school, therefore, if a student needs to make-up an activity, a test, or a presentation Mrs. Walzer will also use Google Classroom to convey the message.</p> <p>Students who plan to be absent for an approved trip or field experience should check with the teacher beforehand for all assignments.</p> <p><b>Late to Class</b></p> <p>A student who is late to class will receive a warning the first time and detention for a second offense.</p>
<b>Required Materials</b>	<p>For this class students will need a 1 ½ inch 3 ring binder, pencils, and a charged Chromebook every day. Some projects may require crayons and colored pencils, these materials will be made available in the classroom for use during school. Headphones are optional.</p>	
<b>Additional Help</b>	<p><b>I will provide multiple opportunities for extra help. Please check the Google Classroom weekly for more information.</b></p>	<p><b>TUTORING</b></p> <p><b>If you need tutoring in English, talk to me or the guidance office. It is the responsibility of the student to ask for help.</b></p>

# Google Classroom Expectations

Mrs. Walzer  
2021-2022  
ENGLISH 7

1. All students are REQUIRED to join and participate in the Google Classroom for English.
2. If a student is ABSENT from school for any reason, ALL assignments can be accessed on Google Classroom. Absent students can communicate with Mrs. Walzer through the online classroom. ALL materials and instruction will be made available online.
3. All students will use Google Classroom appropriately.
4. Many graded assignments for the 2021-2022 school year will be submitted through Google Classroom to cut down on the use of paper passing.
5. ALL students will receive instruction from Mrs. Walzer to effectively access resources, complete assignments, and submit work on Google Classroom. This will occur during the first 2 weeks of school.
6. It is extremely important for students to check ALL deadlines. Penalties for late work will be applied as stated in the Mercer Student Handbook. Mrs. Walzer suggests students keep a calendar or an assignment book to stay on track.
7. To communicate with Mrs. Walzer on Google Classroom, it is best to send a direct message to her. This will keep the class page "clutter-free" and will insure that you get individualized attention.
8. Mrs. Walzer will be providing written feedback through Google Classroom. It is important that students review the feedback because students might need to revise and/or resubmit an assignment. It is also important to check grades regularly to avoid "surprises".
9. Reach out to Mrs. Walzer for help when you need it. She will provide multiple opportunities to answer questions and help students achieve success. Pay attention to your class period's Google Classroom to find out when Mrs. Walzer is available to take advantage of help provided.
10. Be professional and respectful at all times in Google Classroom. Online and in person school follow the same expectations. Students are expected to be respectful and professional at all times. All aspects of the Mercer High School Code of Conduct apply to online learning, including but not limited to the use of inappropriate language, hate speech, bullying, etc.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this document, you are verifying that you understand the expectations for the use of Google Classroom in English 7. A copy of these terms and conditions will be kept available online.

