Course Syllabus

7th English

Course Description:

English 7 is a foundational course which exposes students to an array of classic literature, continues the mastery of grammar, and challenges students with many different forms of writing. The weekly study of grammar helps students incorporate the grammar into their own writing throughout the year. In addition, each novel, from The Island of Blue Dolphins to The Incredible Journey, inspires, challenges, and motivates students to reflect on their own abilities as well as exposes them to strong, moral characters. Writing is strengthened through several small writing assignments as well as more extensive assignments such as literary analysis, research writing, and the essay. Students will study grammar through an incremental approach. In addition, previous grammar concepts will be reviewed on a weekly basis to ensure students attain mastery of each concept. Students will be challenged with a formal writing for each novel, except for the Midnight Ride of Paul Revere, as they will be memorizing portions of this poem.

Major Topics of Study:

Grammar
Classic Literature
Literary Analysis
Writing

Text/Required Materials:

Warriner's Traditions First Course Textbook (optional)
The Legend of Sleepy Hollow
Swiss Family Robinson
The Call of the Wild
The Miracle Worker
Where the Red Fern Grows Island of the Blue Dolphins
The Incredible Journey (ANYTIME ONLY)
Paul Revere's Ride by Longfellow
A Christmas Carol (LIVE ONLY)

Grading:

Literature – 30%
Grammar – 30%
Writing – 30%
Participation – 10%

Attendance/Participation:

Students will attend a two day per week live class. Instruction will be given in grammar, writing, and literature through an interactive lecture.

Expectations/Guidelines:

Students will be expected to complete all work and submit each Friday by 10:59 p.m. CST. Students will need to come to class prepared with the previous day's assignment completed and ready to participate in class. Weekly assignment sheets are posted for students to follow. Students also benefit from additional course help through Teacher Talk which is held one day per week.