

7TH GRADE ELA

2020

Ms. Norton

2021

Communication

1. cgnorton@spart7.org
2. REMIND app chat
3. 586-7855 (voicemail only)

Responsibility and Preparation

- Come to class prepared with all supplies.
- Start working on bell ringer immediately.
- Turn work in on or before its due date.
- Complete all homework prior to coming to class. (Homework will consist mostly of independent reading (SDR), vocab practice, grammar practice, and finishing classwork not completed during the day.)
- Participate in class discussions in person and virtually.

Units of Study

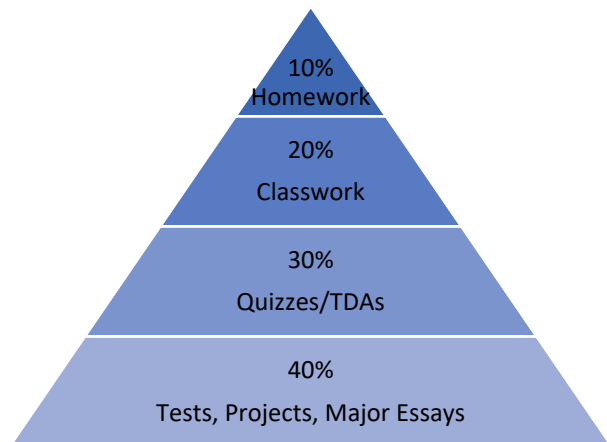
- Unit 1: Short Stories
- Unit 2: *The Giver* and Persuasive Writing
- Unit 3: Literary Devices
- Unit 4: Research and The Harlem Renaissance
- Unit 5: Holocaust Literature and Thematic Analysis
- Unit 6: Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

*Vocabulary and grammar are studied and assessed throughout every unit of study.

Academic Honesty

Cheating and plagiarism, on any level, are against school policy and unethical. Students are expected to do their own work at all times. If cheating or assignment sharing is suspected, students will receive a zero (0) for the assignment, may be reassessed on the material, and will receive a disciplinary referral.

Grading



Rubrics: Assessments and writing assignments are graded on a 5.0 scale and will be converted as follows:

A	5.0	100%
A.	4.0	90%
B.	3.0	80%
C	2.0	70%
D	1.0	60%
F	0.0	50%

Individual assignment rubrics include expectations and requirements for each category graded.

Classroom Rules

1. Masks will be worn at all times unless otherwise instructed by the teacher.
2. Respect the teacher, others, and yourself.
3. Work bell to bell.
4. Bring all supplies to class.
5. Use technology for instructional purposes only.
6. Follow the MMS handbook.

Assignment Formatting

All typed assignments must be in **12 PT TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT**, double-spaced, and have 1" margins.

Proper spelling, grammar, and punctuation must be used in EVERY assignment.

Students should use OneDrive and Schoology to submit all assignments. Assignments submitted via email will not be graded. Paper assignments will not be accepted for the 2020-21 school year.

Computer Use

1. Computers should remain closed until the teacher directs students to open them.
2. When the device is in use, students should be on task.
3. Computers are for academic use only.
4. In all circumstances, students should use their given first and last names.
5. Unless instructed to do so, emails and PowerSchool should be checked at home.
6. When attending virtual class sessions, students should login on time and remain present and attentive until the teacher dismisses them.

Please use [this link](#) to complete a parent survey about WiFi accessibility, communication preferences, etc. If you are unable to access the online survey, please contact your student's ELA teacher for a paper copy.

Grading Continued

As per MMS policy, quizzes and tests will be graded within the 72 hours time limit. Due to the nature of writing assignments, we require a minimum of 1 week to grade these assignments.

Students will be penalized 10 percentage points per day for any assignment that is late. After five (5) school days, the student will fail. The exception to this is homework, which will not be accepted late.

If a student is absent, they have the time as designated in the MMS handbook to complete missing work. **It is the student's responsibility to communicate with the teacher for information about assignments missed while absent.**

Retakes are permitted for ONE MAJOR assessment per 9 weeks. In order to complete a retake of an assignment, students must meet with their teacher and show evidence that they have spent additional time relearning the material. The student will receive the retake grade, not the better of the two.

Discipline

All school and district policies and procedures are detailed in the student handbook and enforced in the classroom. The following procedure will be followed unless the behavior or action requires an automatic referral:

1. Student Warning
2. Lunch detention
3. Parent phone call and/or email
4. Referral to assistant principal.