

7th Grade ELA Syllabus 2026-2027

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Texts and Materials:

Vocabulary Workshop, Level B, Sadlier
Grammar for Writing, Grade 7, Sadlier
Writing Our Catholic Faith-Handwriting-Universal Publishing
The Giver by Lois Lowry
Refugee by Alan Gratz
The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton
The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen
Bible Basics for Catholics by John Bergsma



Along with needed texts students are expected to have the following each class

period: Blue/Black ballpoint only pens, red pen, supply of loose leaf college ruled paper, 1 ½ in. binder with dividers, 2-single subject spiral notebooks, index cards, highlighters, glue sticks, and scissors.

Students should be prepared for each class by having their materials on hand. If students do not have the needed materials they will have points deducted from their responsible behavior grade.

Curriculum: ELA includes Vocabulary, Reading/Literature, and Grammar/Writing and the report card grade will be reflective of these content areas.

Literature: We will read several novels, poems, short stories, and informational texts throughout the year. Written analyses of the texts, and other assessments, essays, and projects will accompany our reading.

Vocabulary: Student writing will be strengthened by the study of words and their meanings. Twenty vocabulary words will be introduced weekly. A test will follow each unit assessing comprehension and understanding how words are used in context.

Grammar: Knowledge of grammar and language mechanics are essential in developing mastery in writing. Students will study grammar and mechanics including correct punctuation, capitalization, word usage, sentence structure, and the parts of speech.

Writing: Students will write in a variety of styles: creative, expository, narrative, descriptive and persuasive. Students will continue to support a claim with evidence from a text, integrate and analyze quotes, and cite sources using MLA format. All work turned in should be completed in blue or black ink (ballpoint pen, no felt-tip pen or marker), or typed if indicated.

Headings on Papers

Handwritten:

Top left of page:

Student Name
Teacher Name
Subject
Date

Typed

Typed papers will follow MLA format. This will include the following:

- 12 point font
- double space between every line on the paper, including heading and title
- Times New Roman or Arial
- proper heading on the left side (your name, my name, subject, date)
- title centered, no underline or different fonts
- black ink only
- works cited page with proper citations when applicable

Grading/Report Cards: You are not “given” grades; you earn them! Grades reflect your hard work throughout the trimester. Extra credit assignments for the sole purpose of raising a trimester grade will not be offered. It is up to the students to keep track of their grades throughout the trimester. Students should meet with the teacher to discuss any questions concerning grades within a week of a grade posting on Formal grades are given on report cards. In middle school, for grades 6-8, students, and their parents may access grades online through FACTS, which will be updated on Mondays, at least every other week. Missing assignments will generate an automatic email notification.

The report card grade will reflect the following:

English Language Arts (includes the study of literature, vocabulary, grammar, and writing)

Participation, IXL, homework	15%
Assessments and Tests	25%
Essays/Projects	30%
Classwork	35%

Absences: You will have 1 day per day of excused absences to turn in assignments (illness or family emergency). Please note that long term illnesses that last over three days may require a doctor's note. Vacations and competitions are not considered excused absences.

Tests must be made up when the students return to class unless prior arrangements are made. Homework assignments, tests and upcoming projects or essays will be posted in the classroom and on FACTS. **Daily in-class work may not be posted** and students will be responsible to make sure they keep track of in-class assignments as classwork will be 35% of the grade.

Missing and Late Assignments: ***Late work: Any late classwork or homework assignments will receive no more than 50% if completed within three days past the due date.**

Academic Dishonesty: Student work must be authentic. Students will receive a zero on any work that is copied or plagiarized from another student or source, including internet sources and AI generated. Students will be reminded that they must cite information that is copied or paraphrased. (Changing a few words or phrases is still considered plagiarism.) Academic dishonesty may result in consequences other than receiving a zero as stated in the Parent-Student Handbook and Behavior Chart.

Planners and Homework: Every student will be given a Nativity School planner for recording assignments in each class. Teachers will be supporting you in the correct use of this valuable resource, and we expect you to use it to stay organized and do your best. We are stressing the use of the planner throughout middle school to help the students stay organized and on task.

Homework assignments, tests and upcoming projects or essays will be posted to Schoolspeak. Daily in-class work may not be posted and students will be responsible to make sure they keep track of in class assignments as classwork will be 35% of the grade.

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We have read and discussed the description of the ELA course policies.

Student Name _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____