

Seventh Grade Language Arts Syllabus 2009-2010
Freedom Middle School

COURSE OBJECTIVES: The emphasis of this course corresponds with the 7th grade standards set forth by the state of Georgia. The standards focus heavily on the writing process, sentence structure, writing conventions, oral presentations, and parts of speech. During the year, students will also begin to prepare for the Georgia Middle Grades Writing Assessment given in the 8th grade.

By the end of the school year, students will be able to:

- Identify and practice the following types of writing: expository, persuasive, narrative, research, and creative.
- Use elaborative language in writing.
- Understand and apply the steps of effective research.
- Perform verbally in a public speaking situation.
- Understand and apply the rules of spelling.

EXPECTATIONS: All students are expected to:

1. Be respectful of the teacher and other students at all times.
2. Follow directions the first time they are given and stay on task.
3. Bring all materials to class. This includes- pen (blue or black ink only), pencil, paper, spiral notebook, agenda, book, and homework every day.
4. Raise their hands and wait for permission to speak.
5. Be in their assigned seat when the bell rings.
6. Refrain from consuming food, gum, candy, or drinks.
7. Respect and follow all computer guidelines (to be covered the first day of class).

SUPPLY LIST:

Blue or black ink pen
Red ink pen for editing
Pencil
Paper
Spiral notebook for warm-ups

GRADING POLICY:

Class work	10%
Homework	20%
Applied Practice	20%
Test Grades	30%
Essays/Projects	20%

MAKE-UP WORK POLICY: Freedom's makeup policy will be followed. When students are absent, it is the **responsibility of the student** to see the teacher to receive makeup work. If students are **absent for more than three days**, the parents may request the in-class work and homework assignments for their child by calling the school. We