

Brandywine Heights Middle School
200 West Weis Street, Tipton, PA
Course Syllabus for Seventh Grade Reading

Overview:

This year should be quite exciting for your child. Instruction and practice will be provided in the following areas: vocabulary development, literary elements, figurative language, and critical reading and thinking skills. Various literary genres will be covered. The students will have time set aside to read novels of their choice. This is done to encourage and develop independent reading skills. It also gives them the opportunity to explore their own interests. The goal in seventh grade reading is to develop life-long readers.

Textbook: Gold level of the Heath Literature Series, D.C. Heath and Company, 1995.

Outline of content:

First quarter

Topics: Various literary elements: theme, plot, setting, conflict, resolution, hyperbole, personification, point of view, similes, metaphors, irony, alliteration, inferences, context clues, statement of theme, drawing conclusions, identifying and analyzing genre, identifying main idea, cause and effect, predicting outcomes, point of view, study skills, and analyzing facts. Projects include comprehension and vocabulary tests.

Second quarter

Topics: Students will continue to review and go over literary elements and figurative languages that are covered in selected readings and genres in literature.
Projects include comprehension and vocabulary tests, novel study and a mid-term exam.

Third quarter

Topics: Students will continue to review and go over literary elements and figurative languages that are covered in selected readings and genres in literature. Projects include comprehension and vocabulary tests, and novel study.

Fourth quarter

Topics: Students will continue to review and go over literary elements and figurative languages that are covered in selected readings and genres in literature. Projects include comprehension and vocabulary tests, novel study and a final exam.