

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Per: \_\_\_\_\_

### Mrs. Lyons Class Syllabus: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade ILA

Welcome to a new year! First of all, know that whatever your experience has been with Language Arts in the past, you can think of this as a fresh start. I encourage you to push aside any feelings of “not being good enough,” in any way whatsoever, so that we can put all our energy into making personal growth.

My job is to help you be successful with reading & writing this year. We utilize “workshop,” which means you will have time to read and write every day. It is up to you to build up stamina and set goals for yourself, and if you are finding that you need help in reaching those goals, we can come up with a plan.

Units in Reading and Writing will be focused around genres. I am thrilled to work with you as you deepen your understanding of each of these!

Writing	Reading
Realistic Fiction Stories	Investigating Characterization (Partnerships)
Writing About Reading—Informational Books	Realistic Fiction (Book Clubs)
Argument	Literary Nonfiction (Partnerships)
Journalism	Historical Fiction (Book Clubs)
Poetry	Dystopian Science-Fiction (Book Clubs)
Fantasy Stories	

#### Procedures:

- ★ When you enter ILA, copy down your homework and get started on your Do Now.
- ★ If you need to leave the classroom for the restroom or office:
  - Fill out your agenda hall pass.
  - Approach me with your agenda, preferably not during a mini lesson, unless it is an emergency.
  - When returning to class, do so quietly, especially during independent reading or writing time!
- ★ If you are absent:
  - Google Classroom will be used to post missing assignments and class notes.

- Try to keep up on homework as much as you can.
  - If a final paper was due that day, you can email it to me at **SLYONS@EBNET.ORG**
  - When you come back to school, check the “What I Missed” station in the front of the room.
  - It is your responsibility to make up any work that you missed while you were out. The school policy gives you two days for every one day you were out to make up assignments. You must remember to hand assignments in to me once completed.
- ★ If you receive a C- (70%) or lower on an assignment, you must get it signed by your parent/guardian and hand it in the next day. Once again, it is your responsibility to remember to do this.
- ★ “Printer Issues” is never an excuse for not having an assignment; at least show your effort to hand in the assignment by emailing your final document to or sharing your file online with me.

### **Grading:**

Homework 10%

Word Study/Vocabulary 10%

Reading 40%

Writing 40%

### **Homework & Reading at Home :**

Although I do not assign a lot of homework, it is still expected that students read at home for about 20-30 minutes, five times a week. You are expected to take notes or quick jots in your reader’s notebooks. You may also be asked to log your reading. Included in your Homework grade is a 10-point Preparation/Participating grade based on:

- Handing in assignments on time
- Being ready to participate in all daily activities
- Using reading/writing workshop time effectively

### **Graded Assignments:**

Students will receive grades for various activities and assignments throughout the year to track their performance and progress. These assignments could include things such as written responses, quizzes, long jots, process pieces, and classwork!

### **Supply List**

Supplies are due in class no later than **Monday, September 16th.**

The following is a list of supplies you will need for this class. Make sure you are prepared for class each day!

- 2 marble composition notebooks (at least 200 pages)

- 2 two pocket folder
- Post-its

Optional:

- 1 inch binder with loose leaf paper
- Colored pens for correcting and revising work (any other color you choose)
- Scissors
- Highlighters (various colors)

I have read the above ILA rules and procedures and I agree to abide by these rules and procedures. I understand that failure to follow these rules and procedures may result in a consequence determined by the teacher.

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature

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Teacher Signature

