

Grade 7 English Language Arts

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| Grammar: | <i>Voyages in English</i> Loyola Press Other Supplemental Grammar Practice |
| Vocabulary Development: | <i>Word Wisdom</i> – Zaner-Bloser |
| Writing Program: | <i>Step Up To Writing</i> |
| Literature: | <i>Collections</i> – Houghton Mifflin Harcourt |

Grammar, usage and mechanics will be covered in the text *Voyages in English*. The grammar book is a standard textbook building on what the students have learned in past years. These skills will also be reviewed daily in a variety of types of practice checking the students' understanding of grammar and editing.

Vocabulary will be done in context with the reading material in *Collections* and using the *Word Wisdom* curriculum.

Step up to Writing teaches students to write clear, concise, and organized paragraphs, reports and essays by using a multi-sensory approach. *Step up* also helps students become more confident oral presenters. There is no text; almost all instruction uses handouts and teacher modeling. Much of the 7th grade writing will be in response to the content of the Literature book *Collections*. This writing will be well formed paragraphs using a thesis statement, citing from the text for support, and a concluding sentence. 7th Grade will focus on multiple types of writing including persuasive, narrative, expository and poetry. The students will learn three to five paragraph essay formation in the third trimester.

The seventh graders will be using the text *Collections* to prepare for high school literature. The class will read an array of literature including short stories, articles, poems, and nonfiction to focus on the development of plot, characterization, setting, point of view, and especially theme. Writing to analyze the literature, and citing examples from the texts, will be a major part of the curriculum. Novels will be read in small groups or individually. The novels may integrate other subject matter such as history.

Accelerated Reader is also a part of the Literature curriculum. The students will be expected to read and take tests on level appropriate novels throughout each trimester. Testing is available daily in the classroom, as well as by appointment before or after school.

A daily 15 minutes of reading an AR book is recommended as Accelerated Reading is part of the Literature grade.

Study skills are incorporated into all subject content areas. Test taking tips, note taking, and organizational skills are all reinforced daily.

Grade 7 History

Text: *Washington (In the Pacific Northwest)*

First Trimester: Washington's Geography
Washington's Geology
American Indians of the PNW
First Settlers in Washington

Second Trimester: Project Reach
Settlement of Washington Territory
Chinese Exclusion Act
Statehood

Third Trimester: Reform, War, and Inventions
Great Depression and effects in the PNW
State Government