

7th Grade Language Arts

Student Learning Expectations



The student should be able to:

Reading Literary and Informational Texts

1. Cite evidence from the text to support factual understanding (setting, character, plot, conflict).
2. Use the text to support inferences (setting, character, plot, conflict).
3. Identify the crucial elements in a story.
4. Explain how the different elements in a story interact.
5. Summarize a text objectively.
6. Determine a theme and explain how it develops.
7. Determine two or more central ideas and how they develop throughout a text.
8. Identify an author's purpose in a text and evaluate the strength of the author's argument based on his/her reasoning and evidence.
9. Determine the author's point of view on an issue and distinguish how his/her positions differs from others' positions.
10. Tell the difference between fact and opinion in an argument.
11. Interpret figurative language.
12. Explain how rhyme and repetition are important to a literary work.
13. Explain how a poem's form or structure contributes to its meaning.
14. Find similarities and differences between historical fiction and an actual historical account.
15. Explain how a drama's form or structure contributes to its meaning.
16. Explain how a multimedia presentation of a text changes a literary text.

Writing

1. Write narratives with well-chosen details and well-structured event sequences.
2. Develop, organize, and write in a style appropriate to a specific task and audience.
3. Strengthen writing through the steps of revising and editing.
4. Use technology to produce and publish writing.
5. Examine and convey complex ideas through written analysis.
6. Conduct research projects on focused questions.
7. Gather and integrate information from multiple sources while avoiding plagiarism.
8. Support a claim with valid reasoning and evidence.
9. Draw evidence from texts to support analysis and reflection.
10. Write persuasive arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

Speaking and Listening

1. Converse with others while expressing ideas clearly.
2. Integrate and evaluate information presented through media.
3. Use media to express information and enhance understanding.
4. Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and evidence.
5. Present information effectively.

Language

1. Use context clues to determine the literal meaning of the word.
2. Correctly use capitalization.
3. Effectively use simple, compound, and complex sentences.
4. Demonstrate accurate spelling of terms per unit.
5. Use a variety of reference materials to determine or clarify the meaning of unknown words.
6. Explain connotative and technical meanings of words in a text.
7. Explain why an author chose one words over another to convey a specific meaning.
8. Distinguish between figurative and literal language.