

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Gardner Newman Middle School

2021-2022 COURSE SYLLABUS



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Supplies

An important part of middle school is developing effective organizational strategies and habits.

This year each student will be provided with a binder with sections for each core class. In addition, students should have the following:

- Pencils
- Paper
- Colored Pencils
- Headphones

Wish List:

- Clorox Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer

Course Description

The purpose of the sixth-grade curriculum is to help students strengthen their skills in reading, writing, research, vocabulary, and grammar. This year we will be utilizing the *My Perspectives* ELA curriculum. Each unit of study (please see individual unit list below) will include selections from a variety of different genres, which all relate to a relevant essential question. Students will read and analyze text, cite textual evidence, and respond critically, both orally and in writing, to what they have read. Each unit will include a unit test and performance task based on a particular type of writing.

Units of Study

- Unit 1: “Imagination” - Narrative writing will be the focus of this unit.
- Unit 2: “Animal Allies” - Explanatory essay writing will be the focus of this unit.
- Unit 3: “Modern Technology” - Argumentative essay writing will be the focus of this unit.
- Unit 4: “Exploration” - This unit will include a review of all types of writing.



“BOOKS ARE A UNIQUELY PORTABLE MAGIC.”

—*Stephen King*

Late Work and Absences

- All assignments and due dates will be posted on the class calendar on Canvas.
- When students are absent, it is their responsibility to check for assignments.

Unit Assessment Dates

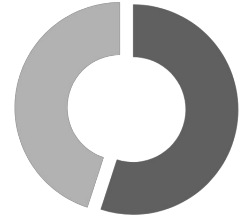
- Unit 1 Assessment: September 28*
- Unit 2 Assessment: December 7
- Unit 3 Assessment: March 1
- Unit 4: No unit test due to GA Milestones

*Study Guides for Unit Assessments will be sent home one week in advance. Dates are subject to change.

Let's Stay Connected!

- Students will be required to check Infinite Campus each Tuesday. Parents are also encouraged to check Infinite Campus regularly for grades, attendance, and any missing assignments.
- Reminders will be pushed through the Canvas website or mobile app.

Grading



MINOR ASSESSMENTS

(55%):

(homework, quizzes, minor projects, minor writing assignments, vocabulary quizzes,)

MAJOR ASSESSMENTS

(45%):

(unit tests, mid-unit tests, major projects, essays, performance tasks, final exams)

Class Expectations



BE RESPECTFUL

- Respect yourself and others, in person and online.
- Come to class with the necessary supplies.



BE RESPONSIBLE

- Come to class on time with your charged Chromebook. This means being in your seat at the start time, focused and ready to learn.
- Come to class with the necessary supplies.



BE READY TO LEARN

- Be responsible for your learning; work hard and do your best.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help.