**Jasper Middle School 6th Grade ELA Syllabus**

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**Course Description:**

The 6th grade ELA course is designed to improve the students' reading, writing, speaking, listening, and viewing skills. We will focus on integrating all aspects of language arts into one cohesive entity in order to show the students that learning is interwoven between all content areas. All students will be required to comprehend more challenging books and articles, using relevant text evidence to support analysis, inferences and claims. Expression of this comprehension will take place both in writing and in speech. 6th grade students will begin to tackle more technical and informational texts as well as continuing to study literary fiction and poetry.

**Texts:**

* Georgia Collections by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
* Close Reader Workbook by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
* Performance Assessment Workbook by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
* Supplemental Reading Passages, Classroom Novels, and Selected Short Stories or Poems

**Class Goals:**

* Citing textual evidence in support of text analysis
* Determining the theme or central idea of a text
* Analyzing both literary and informational texts
* Understanding an author's use of words and phrases in a text
* Analyzing the structure of a text
* Examining and explaining an author's point of view in a text
* Comparing and contrasting elements within, and presentations of, a text, multiple texts
* Evaluating an argument
* Writing effective summaries, arguments that use relevant evidence to support a claim, informational essays examining a topic, and descriptive well-structured narratives
* Engaging in effective collaborative discussions

**Grading Policy:**

Tests/Projects/Essays - 40% Daily Assignments - 60%

**Course Outline:**

1st Quarter Theme - Triumph Over Imperfection, Shame, and Loss

*Focus* - Informational Writing & Research, Personal Narrative Writing, Literary Analysis, Summarizing, Analyzing informational text, Drawing evidence from text, Parts of Speech review

2nd Quarter Theme - Real Life to Fantasy

*Focus* - Argument Writing Basics, Narrative Writing Point of View, Literary Analysis, Summarizing, Analyzing literary text, Drawing evidence from text, Pronoun cases, Pronoun/Antecedent agreement

3rd Quarter Theme - Lessons From the Past

*Focus* - Informational Writing, Narrative Writing Review, Literary Analysis, Comparing & Contrasting texts, Elements of effective research, Integrating information in discussions and writing, Pronoun types

4th Quarter Theme - Integrity and Influence :Truth and Opposing Views

*Focus* - Argument Writing, Effective use of evidence in argument, Literary Analysis, Continually read and comprehend a wide range of texts proficiently, Routinely write using knowledge of language and conventions

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