Class Syllabus – 7th Grade English

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Elements of Language First Course - Holt
Elements of Language First Course Workbook - Holt
Vocabulary Workshop - Sadlier

Class Materials:
- Blue or Black Pen
- Yellow Binder
- Composition Notebook
- Planner

Classroom Rules: Classroom rules are posted in the classroom. The students will be responsible for following those rules in class.

Class Beliefs, Procedures, and Guidelines:
1. All school policies will be upheld and enforced with no exceptions
2. Respect: Students will respect fellow classmates, authoritative figures, and most of all, themselves.
3. Responsibility: Students will be responsible for their assignments, their actions, and for putting forth the effort necessary to have a successful education.
4. Students will come to class prepared.
5. All overnight classroom assignments are due at the start of class on the date specified and containing a full heading. Late assignments will be turned in and corrected but will obtain the maximum grade as follows:
   - One day late will earn 20% off the assignment grade
   - Two days late will earn 40% off the assignment grade
   - Three days late will earn 50% off the assignment grade
   - No work will be accepted after the fourth day
Any assignments missed because of an excused absence must be made-up. Make-up work is the responsibility of the student. Students seeking make-up work should see Mrs. Peterson prior to regular school hours. Any student that obtains make-up work has
the number of excused absent days to complete the work for full credit. All late and
absent assignments must be turned in with a “Latergram.”
6. Missed test and quizzes must be made-up prior to the end of the marking period for
which it was assigned.
7. All students are expected to be in their desk seated when the bell rings to start
class. Any student not seated in their desk when the class bell rings is tardy. Upon the start
of every class, unless otherwise instructed, students will write their homework in their
planner.
8. Students must keep all homework in their binder. On a test day, each student will be
required to fill out a binder check sheet and attach all applicable assignments. This is when
homework grades will be submitted.

**English**

We will be following the Archdiocese of Detroit Standards for ELA. The students will be
both writing and continuing their knowledge in grammar. Grading will be the following:

- **English**- 50%
- **Homework** 20%
- **Vocabulary**- 30%

**Journals**: Each student has a composition notebook that will be used as a journal. They
will be given topics to write about every day. They will be required to write in these
notebooks for 5-10 minutes. The notebooks will be handed in and graded once a
quarter.

**Papers**: Along with many smaller assignments, the seventh graders will be writing 4
major papers in class. The first paper will be a personal narrative. Most of the work will
be done in class. The students will go through the process of brainstorming, prewriting,
editing, and revising. We also will be writing a persuasive, research, and opinion paper
this year.

**Grammar Topics**

- **Language Usage**
  - **Kinds of Sentences**
    - Subjects/ Predicates (Simple and Complete)
    - Compound/Complex
    - Fragments/ Run on sentences
    - Appositives
  - **Parts of Speech**
    - Nouns (Common, Proper, Singular, Plural, and Possessive)
    - Verbs (Main, Helping, Direct Objects, Transitive, Intransitive, Irregular etc.)
    - Adjective
    - Adverbs
Vocabulary: We will be covering vocabulary units throughout the year. Each unit will take approximately one week to complete. All unit work will be due on Wednesdays. Vocabulary quizzes will be given on Fridays.