



ISS Course Syllabus

Teacher: George Casey
Course Title: Language Arts

Grade: 7th
HS Credit Value:

Course Description:

This course encompasses a correlated study of reading, language development, literature, composition, listening, and speaking based upon the academic standards for reading, writing, elements of language, listening, and speaking. The study of language arts at the seventh grade level integrates the reading/literature skills with the study of language mechanics, writing, spelling, and vocabulary to create a well-rounded, balanced language arts program. The curriculum centers on the literature provided in the adopted text, Prentice Hall. The students will develop reading skills necessary for word recognition, comprehension, interpretation, analysis, evaluation, and appreciation of the written text. The student will also develop the structural and creative skills necessary to produce written language that can be read and interpreted by various audiences.

Course Contents:

- Unit 1 Seasonally Speaking
- Unit 2 Common Threads
- Unit 3 What Matters
- Unit 4 Resolving Conflicts
- Unit 5 Just for Fun
- Unit 6 Short Stories
- Unit 7 Finding Yourself
- Unit 8 Drama
- Unit 9 Poetry
- Unit 10 Myths, Legends, and Folktales

Resources:

- Prentice Hall Literature: Timeless Voices, Timeless Themes, Prentice Hall Inc., 2000.
- The Giver, Lois Lowery, Random House Children's Books, 1993
- **Internet Activities**
- **Library**
- **Maps**

Evaluation System:

1. **The students will have formal tests in the spring mandated by the government.**
2. **Students will be informally assessed in the following ways:**
 - a. **Weekly or by unit, informal teacher generated tests and quizzes.**
 - b. **Daily, this includes class work, participation, and behavior.**
 - c. **Homework assignments**

Test/Quizzes	25%
Classwork	25%
Homework	25%
<u>Participation/Behavior</u>	<u>25%</u>
Total	100%