

Grade 7 Language Arts – MS/Part A

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This tablet-ready course continues the development of comprehension and analysis of informational and fictional texts with an ongoing emphasis on reading strategies. Students express themselves using standard (formal) English in written and oral presentations. Analyzing and practicing the form and structure of various genres of writing enhances students' communication skills. Students study a variety of media to understand informational and persuasive techniques, explicit and implied messages, and how visual and auditory cues affect messages. Grammar, usage, and mechanics skills are deepened. Students continue to widen their vocabulary and apply acquisition strategies. Portfolios created by students provide a platform for them to set goals, monitor their progress, and reflect on their accomplishments and challenges. The course includes discussion activities that engage students in the curriculum while creating a sense of community. This course meets Common Core State Standards.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Read, explore, and analyze literary and informational texts
- Evaluate information from different mediums
- Write analytical and narrative pieces
- Conduct research
- Listen critically and speak effectively
- Collaborate and present information
- Participate in discussions
- Use correct English when writing and speaking
- Apply reading comprehension strategies
- Apply strategies to understand difficult vocabulary
- Apply tools like graphic organizers, checklists and rubrics to reading and writing tasks
- Set goals, self-monitor progress, and reflect on progress

PREREQUISITES: Language Arts Grade 6 or equivalent

COURSE LENGTH: Two Semesters

REQUIRED TEXT: No required textbook for this course

REQUIRED MATERIALS LIST

COURSE OUTLINE:

Module 1: The Heart's Deep Core

- Lesson 1: The Heart's Deep Core
- Lesson 2: Recognizing Beauty
- Lesson 3: Perseverance Pays Off
- Lesson 4: Solitude
- Lesson 5: Appearances Can Be Deceiving
- Lesson 6: Captivity
- Lesson 7: Generosity
- Lesson 8: Sacrifice and Reward
- Lesson 9: Celebrate Life
- Lesson 10: Word Play 1
- Lesson 11: Writing an Essay
- Lesson 12: Express Yourself
- Lesson 13: Make it Clear
- Lesson 14: What's It All About?
- Lesson 15: Writing Workshop 1
- Lesson 16: Polish Your Essay
- Lesson 17: Module Review
- Lesson 18: Module Exam

Module 2: Irony

- Lesson 1: Irony
- Lesson 2: Literature Study 1
- Lesson 3: Selflessness
- Lesson 4: Literature Study 2
- Lesson 5: Bling
- Lesson 6: Consequences
- Lesson 7: It's So Dramatic!
- Lesson 8: Detecting Irony
- Lesson 9: You Are the Author
- Lesson 10: Inspiration
- Lesson 11: Characters Welcome
- Lesson 12: Who Will Tell It?

- Lesson 13: Be Consistent
- Lesson 14: Engage the Senses
- Lesson 15: Writing Workshop 2
- Lesson 16: The Finishing Touch
- Lesson 17: Module Review
- Lesson 18: Module Exam

Module 3: Narratives

- Lesson 1: Narratives
- Lesson 2: Ingenuity
- Lesson 3: Innovation
- Lesson 4: It's Radioactive
- Lesson 5: Chain Reaction
- Lesson 6: Scientific Exploration
- Lesson 7: Research Plan
- Lesson 8: Collect Information
- Lesson 9: First Impressions Count
- Lesson 10: Tell All About It
- Lesson 11: Obedience
- Lesson 12: Vindictiveness
- Lesson 13: Silence
- Lesson 14: Arrogance
- Lesson 15: Notorious
- Lesson 16: Sacrifice
- Lesson 17: Module Review
- Lesson 18: Module Exam

Module 4: There and Back Again

- Lesson 1: There and Back Again
- Lesson 2: Surprise!
- Lesson 3: The Burglar
- Lesson 4: Riddles
- Lesson 5: Choices and Consequences
- Lesson 6: Word Play 2

- Lesson 7: The Power of Song
- Lesson 8: An Unlikely Hero
- Lesson 9: The Folly of Pride
- Lesson 10: Greed and Desire
- Lesson 11: Bravery or Betrayal?
- Lesson 12: Back Again
- Lesson 13: Autobiography
- Lesson 14: Choose Your Topic
- Lesson 15: Appeal to the Senses
- Lesson 16: Polish Your Draft
- Lesson 17: Module Review
- Lesson 18: Module Exam

Module 5: Advice and Instruction

- Lesson 1: Advice and Instruction
- Lesson 2: The Great Outdoors
- Lesson 3: What's the Procedure?
- Lesson 4: Who Is My Audience?
- Lesson 5: Illustrate It
- Lesson 6: Show and Tell
- Lesson 7: Advice
- Lesson 8: Pride in a Job Well Done
- Lesson 9: Anger Management
- Lesson 10: Persistence
- Lesson 11: Parental Advice
- Lesson 12: That is Funny!
- Lesson 13: Can You Believe It?
- Lesson 14: Persuade Me
- Lesson 15: Writing Workshop 5
- Lesson 16: Module Review
- Lesson 17: Module Exam
- Lesson 18: Portfolio

Course Asset Credits