

LANGUAGE ARTS 7A

This course incorporates grammar and literature with basic skill areas such as: reading, science, spelling and social studies. The reading selections are topics of interest to the students. The activities encourage critical thinking and the development of comprehension skills.

Unit 1 – The Journal

A notebook is provided for the student journal. The student is to be encouraged to write in his/her journal everyday. Although suggested writing topics are provided, the journal can consist of personal reflections.

Unit 2 - Spelling

Along with the spelling words, this unit includes activities dealing with imagery, a sensory details web, slang, and looking at some common words that have come to us from other languages.

Unit 3 – Inferring, Predicting Outcomes, Sequence, Synonyms, Antonyms, Homonyms

This unit will provide students with activities that develop their ability to understand and recognize inferring, predicting outcomes, sequence, synonyms, antonyms, and homonyms. It will also enhance their reading comprehension skills and word meaning through the utilization of selected reading assignments about birds.

Unit 4 – Capitalization and Punctuation

This unit will provide students with the rules of capitalization and punctuation, and practice exercises for applying the rules. It will also enhance their reading comprehension skills and word meanings through the utilization of selected reading assignments about Africa, Alex Haley's Roots, and a comparison between African and Asian elephants. The students will also be asked to write a research paper.

Unit 5 – Fables, Myth and Short Stories

In this unit, students will read some fables; develop their ability to understand and recognize predicting and inferring, context clues, and cause and effect. They will read a myth and a short story. They will also have reading selections and activities dealing with several like skills. These include the topics of alcohol, smoking, AIDS, and drug abuse. The students will also learn the difference between formal and informal English, and will apply their knowledge in a writing assignment.