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ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 7

For quarter 3, ELA7 will focus on **historical fiction book clubs**, and will also create **companion books** where they write about the books they are reading. Specifically, students will study historical fiction literature in depth by analyzing main and minor characters, conflict, perspective, and theme. Students will then examine how the historical lessons revealed in our analysis work can be applied to real life. Furthermore, students will continue to use this analysis work to write about what they have read by creating companion books. These writings will allow students to examine their books through lenses of different story elements to build stronger understanding of what they read.

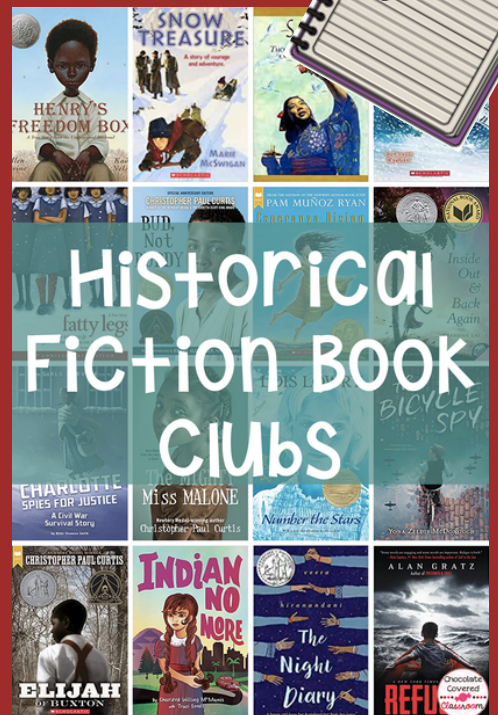
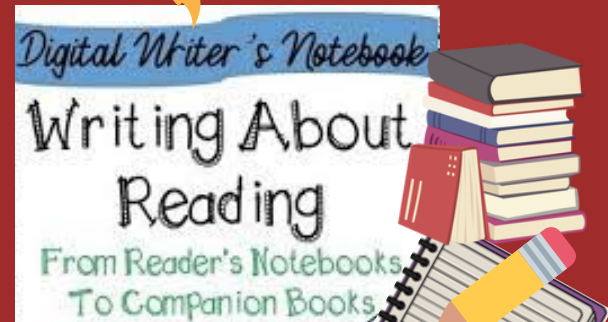


SPED UPDATES...

If your student is receiving SPED support, feel free to contact SPED teachers listed above with any questions or concerns.

ELL UPDATES...

Access Testing for ELL students will be done during early Q3. Please contact your ELL teacher if you have any questions.



MCA TESTING

IN ORDER FOR YOUR CHILD TO DO THEIR BEST ON THE MCA READING ASSESSMENT, WE ENCOURAGE FAMILIES TO SUPPORT THEIR CHILD IN THESE WAYS AT HOME:

- ENSURE YOUR CHILD GETS A GOOD AMOUNT OF SLEEP DURING THE TESTING WEEK
- SUPPORT YOUR CHILD BY PROVIDING HEALTHY AND SUSTAINING MEALS
- PROVIDE YOUR CHILD WITH A PEACEFUL SCHEDULE AT HOME AND MAKE SURE THEY GET TO SCHOOL ON TIME
- SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH POSITIVE AFFIRMATIONS ON HOW THEY TAKE THE TEST. ENCOURAGE THEM TO DO THEIR BEST!



WEEKLY READING LOG SAMPLE

| WEEK 1: NOVEMBER 12-18 | | BOOK TITLE | MINUTES READ | PAGES READ |
|---------------------------|-----------|------------|--------------|------------|
| 11/12 | Friday | | | |
| 11/13 | Saturday | | | |
| 11/14 | Sunday | | | |
| 11/15 | Monday | | | |
| 11/16 | Tuesday | | | |
| 11/17 | Wednesday | | | |
| 11/18 | Thursday | | | |

READING AT HOME

Reading at home for **30 minutes each day** is a continued expectation for 7th grade students. There is no shortage of reading material available to students. In addition to physical books, students have access to multiple apps on their iPads with digital books. All reading logs and login information are linked in ELA7 classes in Schoology for students. Please be encouraging students to work toward this 30 minute reading goal each day as it will help to improve comprehension skills and boost testing scores.

GRADING & HOMEWORK

All classwork, practice, and assessments (projects, tests, quizzes, performances) will be graded according to proficiency on the Common Core Standards. Students will receive a score of 0 - 4.

- 0 - incomplete
- 1 - beginning
- 2 - developing
- 3 - proficient
- 4 - exceeds

**** A score of 0 - 2 can be redone until the student reaches a score of at least 3 (within the designated quarter).**

Grades are weighted:
20% - classwork
80% - assessments

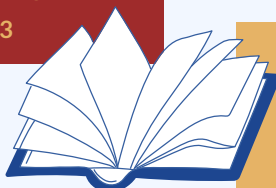
QUARTER 3 EXTENDS FROM JANUARY 30, 2023 TO MARCH 31, 2023

APPS & WEBSITES FOR READING ONLINE:

- Epic
- MackinVia
- LibraryGo
- eBooks MN
- TeenBookCloud
- TumbleBooks Library
- Audiobooks & Podcasts
- St. Paul Public Library Overdrive



For more resources, visit:
<https://libguides.spps.org/mssterm>



UPCOMING UNITS OF STUDY

QUARTER 4
Poetry

