

# MERIT Sixth Grade Advanced Language Arts

## Thomas County Upper Elementary

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**Course Description:** Sixth Grade Advanced Language Arts will focus on reading, vocabulary, researching, writing, analyzing, and speaking skills.

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### First Nine Weeks:

**Texts:** *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen  
Various articles, poems, and short informational texts  
**Writing Focus:** Informational  
Narrative

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### Second Nine Weeks:

**Texts:** *Anne Frank's Tales from the Secret Annex*  
*The Diary of Anne Frank (Play)*  
Various articles, poems, and short informational texts  
**Writing Focus:** Argumentative  
Narrative

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### Third Nine Weeks:

**Texts:** *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli  
Various articles, poems, and short informational texts  
**Writing Focus:** Argumentative  
Narrative

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### Fourth Nine Weeks:

**Texts:** *Boy: Tales of Childhood* by Roald Dahl  
Various articles, poems, and short informational texts  
**Writing Focus:** Narrative

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**Ongoing Assignments:**

- Reading from class novels, as assigned
- Independent Reading
- Membean Vocabulary

**Course Requirements:** Students will maintain an English/Language Arts notebook with daily notes, vocabulary, graphic organizers, study guides, and writing assignments. Students will complete projects as assigned.

**Homework Expectations:** Students are expected to complete and turn in all homework on time.

**Behavioral Expectations:** Students should be on time and prepared for class with completed assignments, notebook, paper, and pencils.

<b>Grading:</b>	Daily grades	30%
	Formative Assessments	30%
	Summative Assessments	40%

**Make up Policy:** All work is expected on time. Projects turned in late will be penalized points for each day late and will be given a zero after the five day grace period.

\*This is a tentative plan for the year. Some revisions may become necessary.