



7th Grade Language Arts

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*If there's anything you'd like me to know about your student as a reader or writer, please jot down his/ her name, your thoughts, and turn in your index card to this period's turn in basket.

7th Grade Essential Questions



How can reading and writing help me to understand myself and the world around me?

How can our past experiences influence our relationships?

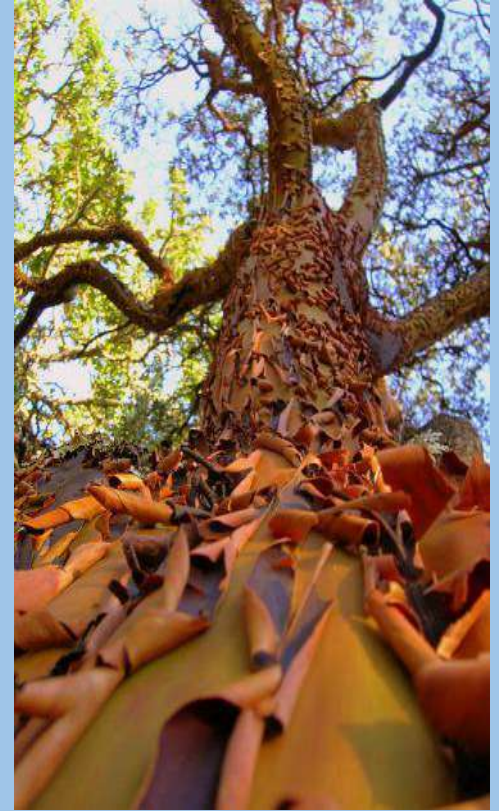
How can we be our best selves and contribute to a powerful, safe, and successful environment?

Skills

Reading (fluency, comprehension, literary analysis, research, Greek and Latin Roots)

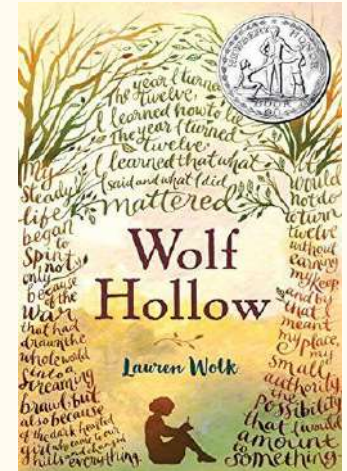
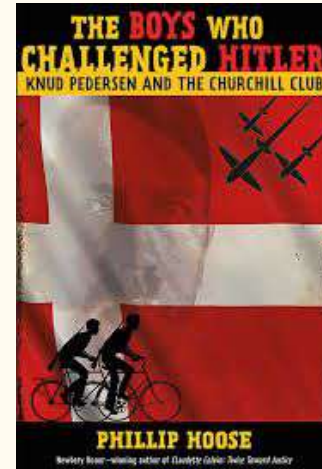
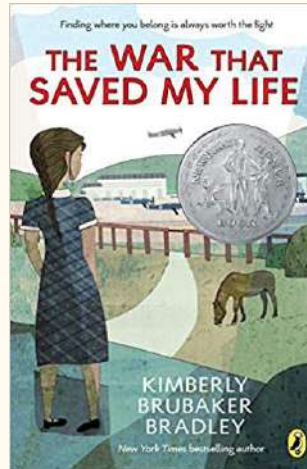
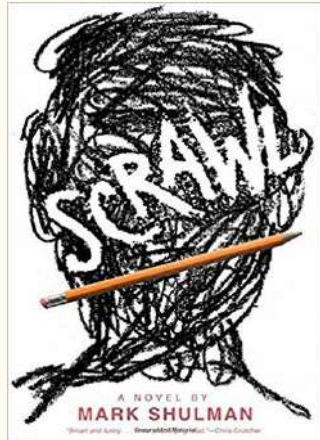
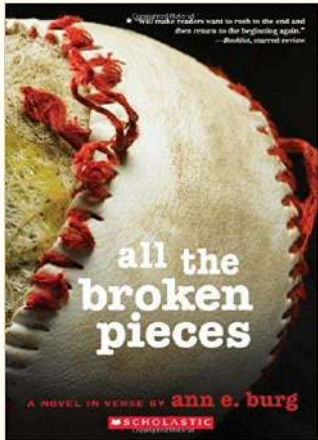
Writing (on-demand, poetry, narrative, essay, informational)

Speaking (collaborative discussions, presentations, Socratic Seminar)

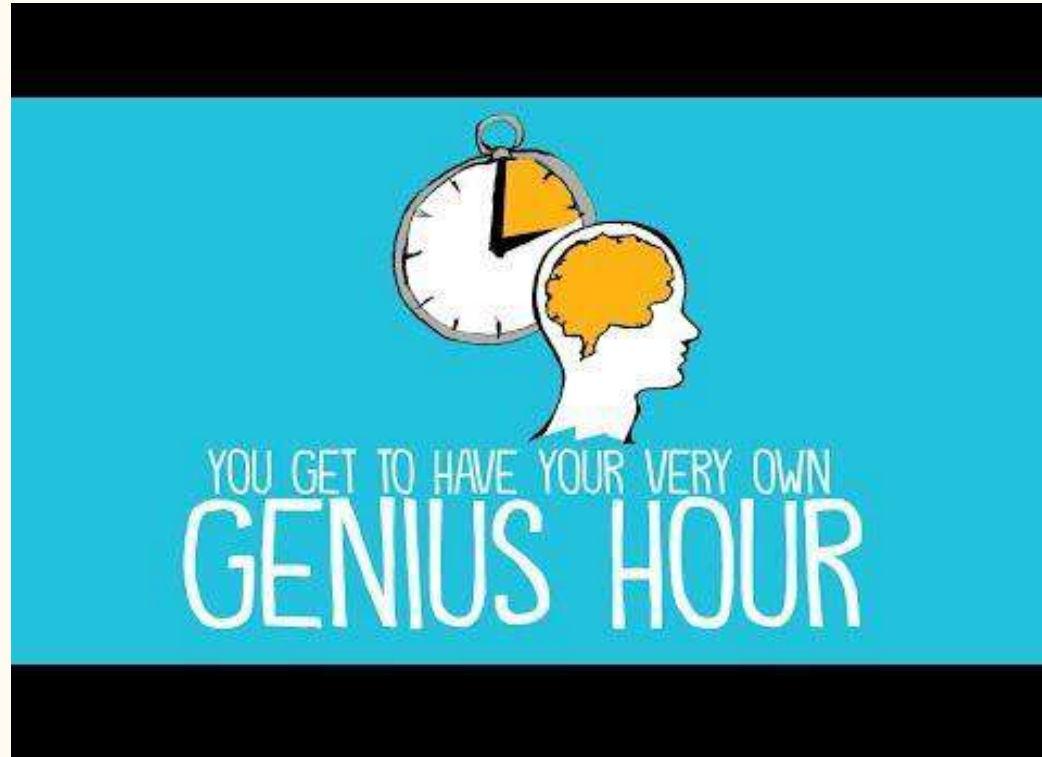


Units of Study

- Novel Studies
- War-Torn Literature Circles
- Classic and Contemporary Short Stories



What is genius hour?



How much homework should I expect?

- Independent Reading -
 - 90 min. per week (BINGO handout)
 - Quarterly project
- Unfinished classwork



Benefits of Reading

Intelligence

- Focus, Concentration, and Memory
- Analytical Thinking Skills
- Writing Skills
- Background Knowledge
- Vocabulary Expansion

Character and Wellness

- Stress Reduction
- Empathy



Supporting Your Student

- Model being a reader
- Establish and maintain a homework and reading routine
- Help promote his/ her independence as a learner
 - Planner
 - Family Link
 - Communication
- Model grit and resilience

Grading - based on Learning Targets

Academic Learning Targets: 95%

6 - Exceptional (A+)

3 - Developing (C)

5 - Accomplished (A)

2 - Inadequate (NYM)

4 - Sufficient (B)

1 - Minimal (NYM)

*Revisions are encouraged!



7th Grade Advisory

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What is Advisory?

- Academic Self-Awareness - grades, planner, conference prep (Oct. 9 - 10)
- Second Steps - social and emotional learning
- Circles - build community, problem solve, have fun together
- Digital Citizenship - how to behave safely and ethically online
- Nuts and Bolts - disseminating information