

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School
7th Grade Honors Literature Syllabus
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Welcome to 7th Grade Honors Literature

Text: 8th Grade Literature: Prentice Hall; Timeless Tales and Themes, Silver (must be covered by second week of school)

Support Materials:

Scope, The Language Arts Magazine; Scholastic

Newsela: Online news-as-literacy platform that features current non-fiction high-interest articles in seven categories, such as health, science and sports, which meet kids at their levels.

Novels:

Locker 572 by LT KoDZo, *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, and a 3rd novel if time allows

Overview:

You will read and analyze short stories, works of non-fiction and poetry and novels throughout the year. Discussion of the literary work, in its concrete and abstract form, will help you to better understand the different literary works. Quizzes, worksheets, oral and written tests and projects will be given to assess your understanding. Figurative language, vocabulary, including prefixes and suffixes, will also be stressed throughout the year.

Star Reading Program:

STAR = STA reads

Students must have a STAR book with them at ALL times. Two STAR reports will be due each quarter. The students will have various written choices for their reports; however, one of the reports must be on a non-fiction book, and all the students will be completing a Dodecahedron project for one of their reports (more information to follow). The quarterly STAR grades will be recorded as a quiz grade. Students will take a STAR placement test at the beginning of the year, and must read within their tested range.

Diocesan Grading Scale

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| A+ 99-100 | B 85-89 | C- 74-75 |
| A 94-98 | B- 83-84 | D+ 72-73 |
| A- 92-93 | C+ 81-82 | D 67-71 |
| B+ 90-92 | C 76-80 | D- 65-66 |
| | | F 64 & below |

Grading: Homework: 20%
Completion: 5%
Participation: 10%
Quizzes: 30%
Tests/Projects: 35%

Expectations:

- Be in your seat ready to begin when the bell rings or you will be tardy
- Ask questions and be curious; participation is a must
- All assignments are to be turned in on time (you will be given a homework pass to use each quarter. The assignment still needs to be completed, but your honor card will not be marked. If you do not use your pass, you will be given ten points extra credit at the end of the quarter).
- Unacceptable work will be redone.
- Follow the classroom rules of respect and responsibility

Absences: Be sure to check the homework board; all worksheets will be hanging on the whiteboard. You must see me upon returning to school to make up any tests or quizzes.

Student Signature_____

Date_____

Parent Signature_____

Date_____