

Atlantic Middle School
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SYLLABUS

TEACHER H. Mosca

COURSE/GRADE LEVEL Reading Grade 6

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Students will use Vistas, an anthology of literature, in conjunction with novels selected from the Quincy Public Schools' approved list. A copy of the novel list will be available upon request.

MAJOR TOPICS

I. Exploring and Comparing Various Genres

- A. Fiction
- B. Nonfiction
- C. Poetry
- D. Drama

II. Reading Comprehension and Reading Strategies Through Various Works of Literature

- A. Predicting
- B. Questioning
- C. Summarizing
- D. Reflecting
- E. Analyzing
- F. Making Connections

III. Elements of Fiction

- A. Setting
- B. Character
- C. Conflict
- D. Plot
- E. Theme
- F. Mood
- G. Tone

IV. Elements of Poetry

- A. Sound Devices (e.g. onomatopoeia and alliteration)
- B. Figures of Speech (e.g. metaphor and simile)

V. Elements of Non-Fiction

- A. Main Idea
- B. Supporting Details
- C. Point of View
- D. Author's Purpose
- E. Sequence
 - 1. Chronological
 - 2. Logical

VI. Vocabulary Development

- A. History of Words
- B. Structure of Words
- C. Context Clues
- D. Synonyms and Antonyms
- E. Use of Dictionary and Thesaurus

ASSESSMENT TOOLS*

Portfolios
Rubrics
Projects
Notebooks
Diagnostic testing
Oral Exams
Interdisciplinary activities
Simulations
Role playing
Open ended questions
Co-operative learning projects
Multimedia presentations
Journal/Diaries
Tests/Quizzes
Essays
Presentations
Homework
Teacher observations

***See Individual Student Education Plans or 504 Plans for modification where applicable.**

HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

Homework is issued regularly and must be completed conscientiously and turned in on time. All assignments should be recorded in the AGENDA book. The AGENDA is an integral tool in developing the organizational skills that will foster success in middle school.

GRADING POLICY

Students' grades are determined by their performance in the following areas:

Attendance	Projects
Classwork	Effort
Homework	Class Participation
Quizzes/Tests	

MAKEUP PROCEDURE

Students are responsible for meeting with the teacher to collect missed assignments and to schedule a due date.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Students will need the following supplies:

Tool bag:

- Pencils
- Colored pencils
- Highlighter
- Glue stick
- Blue/Black pens
- Fine line black marker
- Post-it notes
- Pocket folder
- Three subject notebook with pockets

***Adjustments may be made in this syllabus to meet student needs.**