

Central Middle School  
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**Teacher:** Kathleen Matthews

**Course/Grade Level:** Sixth Grade Language Arts

**Instructional Materials**

- *Write Source 2000*
- *Building English Skills*(Red Level)
- John Collins- Writing Across the Curriculum
- Quincy Public Schools Literature Excerpts- Volumes I, II, III
- Novels selected from the Quincy Public Schools Literature List

**Major Topics**

*Topics are not necessarily listed in the order they will be taught.*

**Conventions and Structures of the English Language**

- Parts of Speech
- Capitalization
- Punctuation
- Types of Sentences
- Paragraph Development

**Oral Presentations/Listening/Discussing**

**Vocabulary Development**

**Literary Devices**

- Figurative Language

**Composition**

- Five(5) Step Writing Process: Prewriting, Drafting, Revising, Editing and Publication
- Autobiography/Biography
- Descriptive
- Expository
- Persuasive
- Narrative
- Friendly Letter/Business Letter
- Poetry
- Open Responses
- Research Paper

**Assessment Tools**

- Portfolios
- Rubrics
- Teacher Observation
- Oral Presentation Rubric
- Projects
- Interdisciplinary Activities
- Open-Ended Questions
- Co-operative learning projects
- Writing Assignments
- Journals
- Objective tests/quizzes
- Exams
- Essays
- FCA's for long essays
- Class Participation
- Homework

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

### **Homework Expectations**

All homework must be passed in on time. No late homework will be accepted. Homework is used as a supplement to the day's lesson, simply to reinforce a newly taught subject/concept/idea.

### **Grading Policy**

Students' final grades will be based on the following:

- Homework
- Major Papers/Essays
- Tests
- Quizzes

### **Make Up Procedure**

Students are responsible for making up their work in a reasonable amount of time.

### **General Information**

Language Arts notebook, homework, and a pen or pencil are needed for class.

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