



# ELA 7/8 Mrs. Schaub

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## Course Description:

Welcome to Grade 7/8 IRWL English Language Arts! I'm excited to be your ELA teacher this year, whether we are in the same classroom or working together remotely!

The goal of the IRWL 7/8 ELA curriculum is to help students grow as independent thinkers, readers, and writers using research-based methodologies to support them.

## Units of Study

- Plot Diagram
- Figurative Language: irony, allusion, symbolism, oxymoron
- Short Stories
- Fiction: *Stamped*
- Historical Fiction: *The Devil's Arithmetic*
- Classic: *To Kill a Mockingbird* (graphic novel)
- Biography
- Poetry
- Shakespeare: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
- Writing: Essays with three-point thesis statements, argumentative: ethos, pathos, logos

## Homework:

- Students are expected to continue the work if an assignment requires additional time outside of class to be completed.
- Students are expected to read independent books.

## Google Classroom:

**nwjcn17**

**\*Remember** to log in to your school email account first!

## Class/Zoom Expectations:

- Sign in to Zoom with your full name using your meapps account.
- Arrive to class on time, prepared with materials.
- Be muted when you aren't talking.
- Put forth your best effort every time we meet.
- Treat your classmates, your teachers, and yourself with respect as we work together.
- <https://mersd.zoom.us/j/95401943909?pwd=RDd2TotCU2x4MnRsVUJWYkJTVkxsZz09>



## Absences and Make-up Work:

- See student handbook for time extensions due to excused absences.
- If you are absent, please log into Google Classroom. Class notes, assignments, and handouts can ALWAYS be found there.



## Grading:

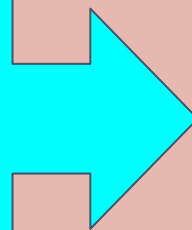
**Formative assessments 70%**

*(practice, classwork, homework, quizzes)*

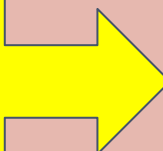
**Summative assessments 30%**

*(essays, major projects)*

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verify you have  
read and  
understood the  
syllabus and  
expectations!



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**LET'S GO**