Welcome to seventh grade! This syllabus will take you through the way this class is run in general as well as the expectations of the class.

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| **What will we be learning?** | **UNIT 1:** Legend **UNIT 5:** Keturah and Lord Death  **UNIT 2:** Explanatory Writing **UNIT 6:** Narrative Writing  **UNIT 3:** Africa/Americas/Asia **UNIT 7:** Argument Writing  **UNIT 4:** Middle Ages **UNIT 8:** Novel Unit – Biographies/Memoirs  We will also be working on a **Reading Challenge** throughout the year! |
| **What are the class expectations?** | *-Be RESPECTFUL:* Of yourself. Of others. Of property no matter to whom itbelongs.  *-Be RESPONSIBLE:* Come prepared to participate fully in your job here at school.  *-Be RESOURCEFUL:* Look for ways to solve your problems no matter how large or small they may be.    *With everyone following these expectations, our classroom will be a safe, comfortable place that will allow all students to succeed.* |
| **How do grades work in this class?** | **A** 90-100 **B** 80-89 **C** 70-79 **D** 60-69 **F** 59-0  **Assignments**  40% **Assessments** 55% **Participation** 5%  *There is also a 0%* ***Baseline Assessments*** *category.*  *This does not impact your grade, but helps you track your growth.* |
| **What is the homework?** | Homework is generally anything you didn’t finish in class, reading, and larger projects.  Daily Reading - We start every day with reading, so you are required to come to class with an **independent reading book** *every day*! You are also expected to read 30-60 minutes every day outside of school. |
| **What if I don’t like my grade?** | You have the opportunity to **revise** assignments and **retake** assessments in the class, so long as you have shown effort on the original task. You can earn up to 100% on assignments and tests by doing this.  It is your responsibility to check in with me so that we can work together to improve your grade.  You will have one week from getting your work back to revise or retake it. After that the grade cannot be changed. |
| **What if I miss a day?** | Any assignment that was due on a day when you were absent *must be made up within two days of your return to school.*  There is an **Absent Work** crate in the classroom and it is your responsibility to check it if you miss a day. You can also check Skyward and/or Google Classroom for digital links to most assignments.  If you have questions or concerns about what you missed, come check with me and I can help you. |
| **What if I turn in an assignment late?** | All work is due on the date specified. **You can only receive up to 60% (D) for late work**, unless previous arrangements have been made with us.  All work must be received within 5 days of the original due date to receive any credit. After 5 days, the grade will be a permanent zero (0). |
| **How can my family stay connected to what is going on at school?** | The best way to stay connected is to share your planner with your family regularly. You will be writing in your planner every day in class. It will include what the homework is each day and when assignments are due.  Another great way to stay connected with the class is to check Skyward regularly. This allows students and families to know what has been turned in and what is still missing. I will also link assignments to Skyward in case students are absent or need a new copy.  Another tool we use in class is Google Classroom. This is a place for students to get links to videos, websites, assignments, etc. that we do in class. |
| **A message from us to you:** | Parent/guardian input is important to help me better address each student’s academic needs. Please do not hesitate to contact me.  My goal to is to create a learning environment that encourages students to stretch themselves to become active readers, effective writers, and critical thinkers. I hope to empower students to help them achieve their academic goals for this core class. |

We are looking forward to a great year!

Mrs. Sarah Wilke

**7th Grade Language Arts and Social Studies**

*Please sign and return to Mrs. Wilke by Tuesday, September 3rd.*

I have read and understand the syllabus for Mrs. Wilke’s Language Arts and Social Studies class.

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*What is the best way to contact you? Check which applies:*

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Thank you! We are excited to have an amazing year with you!

Mrs. Sarah Wilke