

Salt Lake Arts Academy
7th/8th Grade Writer's Workshop
2010-2011
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Overview:

The Salt Lake Arts Academy has high writing expectations. Students will gain and understand that learning to write is an on going process. We will learn that writing is a process of thinking and rethinking, writing and revising. The Writer's Workshop class will also focus on the following reading and reading related skills; oral expression, listening comprehension, written expression, including sentence fluency, Developing organization, voice and word choice, reading fluency, reading comprehension, and basic reading skills. These skills will be integrated across of the Humanities curriculum

Term One

Definitional meaning of new vocabulary, finding synonyms and antonyms, completing analogies, word forms and usage, word meanings, sentence competition recognizing contextual meaning, construct sentences and paragraphs using new words. Narrative writing, using the writing process, understand plot, organizational sequence, adding details, character development, authentic voice, Additional reading for comprehension and reading fluency that relates to Humanities thematic time period of World War I.

Term Two

Continuation of definitional meaning of new vocabulary, finding synonyms and antonyms, completing analogies, word forms and usage, word meanings, sentence competition recognizing contextual meaning, construct sentences and paragraphs using new words. Continued study of narrative writing, using the writing process, understand plot, organizational sequence, adding details, character development, authentic voice, Additional reading for comprehension and reading fluency related to Roaring 20's and World War II.

Term Three

Continued study of definitional meaning of new vocabulary, finding synonyms and antonyms, completing analogies, word forms and usage, word meanings, sentence competition recognizing contextual meaning, construct sentences and paragraphs using new words. Study of Expository writing, cause and effect, problem and solution, question and answer, comparison and contrast. Additional reading for comprehension and fluency related to the Humanities thematic time period of World War II and the Cold War.

Term Four

Continued study of definitional meaning of new vocabulary, finding synonyms and antonyms, completing analogies, word forms and usage, word meanings, sentence competition recognizing contextual meaning, construct sentences and paragraphs using new words. Continued study of Expository writing, Additional reading for Comprehension and fluency related to Humanities theme fifties cold war and seventies to current.

Reading

Supplementary materials related to Humanities theme.

Grading

Six traits of Writing Rubric will be used for grading.

Salt Lake Arts Academy Standards of Excellence and policies set forth in our student handbook for PEPR and CAB.

Basic Reading Inventory for tracking word recognition and reading comprehension.