# SYLLABUS EDITABLE TEMPLATE

# **English Language Arts**



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## Welcome!

I'm so excited to be a part of your learning experience this year! You will find that there are a lot of interesting and engaging lessons that are relevant for life in the "real world," not just your academic success in school. In this class, we will focus on critical reading and writing skills, which will help you to become a more effective communicator. Through an analysis of a variety of texts (short stories, articles, images, videos, and novels), we will increase our awareness and appreciation of the power of the written and spoken word and learn how to harness this power for our own good and for the good of others. Not all of this learning will be easy. Some days will be a real struggle! But if we persevere, we will learn how to embrace these struggles and learn how to effectively solve the problems that we encounter.

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### **Classroom Expectations**

- Come to class on time, with proper materials, ready to work.
- ✓ Speak respectfully to the teacher and your classmates.
- Remain in your seat quietly listening while directions are given.

### Needed Materials

- Lined Paper
- Sharpened pencils (2)
- Blue or Black Ink pens (2)
- Fully charged device
- Required instructional materials (class novel or text, textbook, handouts, other learning resources)

#### Accommodations

We don't always succeed the first time we try something, but with a positive attitude, a bit more practice, and some help from others, we can learn from our failures! This is why students who earn a "C" or lower on tests or essays are allowed multiple opportunities to learn the material.

- Test Retakes
  - In order to retake a test, students must first accurately complete a study guide and then make arrangements to retake the test during advisory or after school.
- Essay Revisions
  - In order to resubmit an essay, students must read and apply the feedback provided from the comments and the rubric. Conferences during advisory or after school are also available.
- Late work
  - Late work is accepted without penalty. However, every effort should be made to turn work in on time so as not to become overwhelmed and fall behind.



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