



BONNEVILLE
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English Language Arts



Ms. Criste's Class
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Course Description

Welcome to Bonneville Academy and Middle School English Language Arts. My name is Ms. Criste Cottrell. In this class, we will be following the Utah Core Standards for ELA, which can be found at <https://www.schools.utah.gov/currelasecondary>. We will be studying both literary and informational texts by analyzing and evaluating vocabulary, themes, the author's intended purpose of his or her writing, the point of view of characters, connections from one text to another and many other key components of literary comprehension. We will also work extensively on our writing skills, which include writing narratives, arguments, information pieces and learning to properly research and cite our sources. We will incorporate both writing and reading strategies throughout the year into print, multimedia and speech presentations. By doing this, we will also be working simultaneously on increasing our vocabulary comprehension, grammar and spelling skills.

Guidelines for Success:

- Do YOUR Best
- Be Engaged and Participating
- Show Respect for ALL
- Remember, if there isn't a solution one way, let's find another
- Failure is NOT an option

Supplies

- Pens/ Pencils
- Highlighters
- Stick Glue
- Scissors
- Lined Paper
- Markers/ Colored Pencils



*Students will have access to an **in-class** composition notebook and extra supplies as needed.

*Donations of the above listed, tissue and Clorox wipes are appreciated :).



Come prepared to class with your writing utensils, planner, class notebook and supplies.

Start working on bell ringers immediately, so class starts within 5 minutes of the bell.

Work should be turned in on its due date. Late work will lose points on a per-day-late basis.



Imagination
is the only Weapon
in the war against
Reality

-Lewis Carroll, *Alice In Wonderland*

My philosophy as a teacher is that every student has the ability and right to learn. It is my job to make this happen. I incorporate differentiated teaching and know that every student is an individual, so what works for one student, may not work for another. For this reason, while I do my best to stick to a routine and make changes with as much notice as possible, if I need to change something to help better an individual or an entire class, I will. Feel free to e-mail me at any time with your questions, concerns and comments and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Please keep the above portion for your personal copy. Cut on the line and return the bottom signed and dated below, so I know you and your student have read and understand a few things about how Middle School English Language Arts will work this year. (It is also worth points.) Thanks, and I look forward to working with you.