

**Ella Fitzgerald Academy**  
**ELA Grade 6**

## **General Information**

- **Teacher:** Mrs. Amanda Daily
- **Class:** Room 15
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## **Textbook & Course Materials**

- **Required Text(s):**
  - Benchmark Unit Readers
  - Independent Reading Novels (will provide specific book list with assignments)

Students should also have:

- Internet connection and device to complete online assignments
- Access to Microsoft Teams, Clever, Schoology and Office 365
- Personal choice Independent Reading book in the event classwork is completed early
- A 3- or 5-subject notebook for class work and notes
- 3 packs of Post-It Notes

English Language Arts is the forum for students to explore and understand the past, present, and future through literature and writing. Student voices will be amplified through discussions about text, connections between text and self, as well as through various writing tasks. Emphasis will be placed on independent critical thinking skills and responding to text through writing. The purpose of 6th grade ELA is to develop lifelong readers and writers who can successfully communicate in our global society.

## **Daily Classroom Expectations**

- Respect yourself, the teacher and others.
- Put forth your best effort at all times.
- Be prepared for class each day.
- Pay attention, participate and ask questions.
- Actively support a positive learning environment.
- Keep our classroom clean.

# Grading and Student Responsibilities

## Graded Course Activities

Assignments will be created on several online platforms. We will work on Benchmark, CommonLit, Castle Learning, and other educational apps - all accessible through Clever. **It is the student's responsibility to check the whiteboard every day for assignments, and following an absence to complete the assigned work. You should have a reliable "homework buddy" that you can contact.**

## Late Work Policy

Each assignment will LOCK at the due date and time, therefore work should be completed and uploaded before then to ensure student work is submitted on time. **Assignments must be submitted by the given deadline. Late work will only be accepted ONE day after the due date, and a parental notice is required.**

Parents will be contacted to inform them of missing assignments.

## Viewing Grades in PowerSchool Gradebook

When I have provided feedback and a grade for an assignment, you will be able to view them through PowerSchool. Go to [yonkersps.powerschool.com](http://yonkersps.powerschool.com) and click on "Student Sign In". Log in using your six-digit ID@[yonkerspublicschools.org](http://yonkerspublicschools.org) and the password used to log on to district computers.

In the row "Eng L.A", scroll to the reporting term you'd like to view (T1, T2, T3) and click the little "i". There you will see your current average in the class and grades on each assignment. You can, *and should*, sign in periodically to view your grades to know your progress in class.

Do not wait until report card distribution to view your grades. There is no "extra credit".

## Grade Conversions

Final grades assigned for this course will be based on the percentage of total points earned and are assigned as follows:

Assignment Grade	Percentage	Letter Grade
4	90-100%	A
3	80-89%	B
2	70-79%	C
1	65-69%	D
0	Below 65% or not completed	F

