

Course Layout *The course is broken down into 5 units and organized as follows:*

Unit 1 – Language	
1	Reading
2	All about Grammar
3	Descriptive Language
Unit 2 – Reading Strategies	
1	Connecting
2	Questioning and Wondering
3	Inferring and Predicting
4	Summarizing
Unit 3 –Writing Strategies	
1	Elements of Writing
2	Creative Writing
3	Tools for Writing
4	Tell a Story
Unit 4 - Perspectives	
1	Perspective and Persuasion

Unit 5 – Novel Studies	
1	Before You Read
2	As You Read
3	After You Read
4	Novel Study

Grading Your grade for this course will be calculated as follows:

Item	Weight
Learning Guides	10%
Reading & Viewing	33%
Writing & Speaking	32%
Tests & Quizzes	10%
Unit Projects	15%

Learning Guides

In the process of learning, you will be given opportunities to practise, make mistakes, and learn. These opportunities will be in your Learning Guide. Your home facilitator may help you and ask you to correct or expand on items in your Learning Guide. Always put your best effort into your *Learning Guide*; it will be marked on a rubric (a chart with grading), based on **Ideas and Content** (detail, deeper thinking, directions followed carefully), **Thoroughness** (Complete sentences, attention to grammar and spelling, followed the instructions), and **Work and Effort**. (Student has completed all of the assigned work. It has obviously been reviewed with the home facilitator, edited, etc.)

Resources:

There is NO textbook required for this course. You will need a novel of choice for this course.

Keys to Success:

1. Set a schedule so that you are working on English language arts either everyday or every second day. There should be no big gaps with the hope of catching up. This is VERY important!
2. Sticking to a schedule is key for doing well.
3. Use the message function in your course to communicate with your teacher. Ask questions!