

# Welcome to Mrs. King's Language Arts Class!



Speedwrite (5 minutes): Jot down your thoughts on the notecard

what is YOUR definition of a hero? Give the functions of a hero, an example, and what a hero is not. FYI: I will be sharing these with your children :-)

# ★ A little bit about me...

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- ★ My goal is to prepare your children for the expectations in high school by helping them become EXEMPLARY writers, ANALYTICAL readers, and SELF-ADVOCATES!

# ★ What we'll be learning

SpringBoard Unit of Study	Formal Assessments	Required Reading
Unit 1: The Challenge of Heroism	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Hero's Journey Narrative</li><li>2. Definition Essay</li></ol>	<i>Divergent</i>
Unit 2: The Challenge of Utopia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Write an Expository Essay</li><li>2. Write an Argumentative Essay (Research Paper)</li></ol>	<i>The Giver</i>
Unit 3: The Challenge to Make a Difference	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Presenting Literature Circles</li><li>2. Presenting a Multimedia Campaign</li></ol>	Holocaust Literature
Unit 4: The Challenge of Comedy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Write a Literary Analysis</li><li>2. Performing a Shakespearean Comedy</li></ol>	<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>

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- \* Formal tests on **ACADEMIC VOCABULARY** application
- \* Formal tests on **LITERARY SKILLS**
- \* Bi-weekly Informal checks on grammar and vocabulary stems

# ★ Grading Policy

**Formal  
Assessments=65%**

**Informal  
Assessments=35%**

\*No grade lower than a 50%

\*Late work may be submitted for a 60%  
(Formal=10pts off every day it is late)

\*Mastery Grading:

- Must self advocate and come in for tutoring
- When coming for tutoring, must have SPECIFIC questions!!!!!!

# ★ How can I help at home?

- ❑ Check my website for homework, helpful graphic organizers, or notes
- ❑ Check my comments in Powerschool and have discussions with your child about any failing or late grades
- ❑ Encourage your child to read for pleasure :-)
- ❑ Suggest they read their writing aloud to you
- ❑ Email or call with any questions or concerns

★ Any Questions????

