

PETERS TOWNSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOL

COURSE SYLLABUS: C.A.T. 7

Course Information	Teacher Information
<p><u>Course Length:</u> 30 day</p> <p><u>Class Location:</u> PTMS</p>	<p>Rebecca Ritter</p>

Course Overview and Essential Skills

Critical Analysis of Text 7 explores critical reading and skills specifically as it applies to non-fiction texts. Students will be engaged in critical analysis of text to develop deeper meaning, make comparisons between and across texts, and synthesize information to draw conclusions. Additionally, vocabulary development will be a major emphasis within this course as students will be exposed to higher-level literary terms which support their analysis.

Critical Analysis of Text addresses the following skills:

- Vocabulary
- Comprehension of text
- Summarizing and paraphrasing
- Compare and contrast
- Perspective, bias, and point of view
- Claims and counterclaims
- Text dependent analysis

Course Textbook, Supplemental Resources and Required Materials

- Excerpt from Nelson Mandela's speech at the 1964 Trial
- Time Magazine article - "Why It Makes Sense to Pair Lincoln and Mandela"
- Excerpt from *Long Walk to Freedom* - "Robben Island - The Dark Years"
- "Malala's Mission" from *The New York Times Upfront Magazine*
- "The Closer" from *Junior Scholastic* magazine
- "Back in the Game" from *Science World* magazine
- "Are Pro Athletes Paid Too Much?" from *Junior Scholastic* magazine
- "Pro Athletes' Salaries Aren't Overly Exorbitant"
- "Do Professional Athletes Get Paid Too Much?"
- "Wonder Woman" from *Junior Scholastic* magazine

Course Outline of Material Covered:

Unit or Topic	Course Activities/Resources	Timeframe
Unit of study or major topic as outlined in curriculum	Projects, papers, quizzes, labs, homework, class work, movies used, etc	May indicate the month or amount of time for unit
<u>Vocabulary</u>	<u>Quizzes, in-class practice activities</u>	<u>Throughout the 30 day course</u>
<u>Comprehension of Text</u>	<u>Text structure and feature identification application, summary and paraphrase writing assignments</u>	<u>Approximately 3 weeks</u>

<u>Analysis of Text</u>	<u>Written response questions, article analysis, paired passages analysis, Text Dependent Analysis Essay</u>	<u>Approximately 3 weeks</u>
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**Depending on the needs of the class or changes in the school year, the course outline is subject to change.*