



Reading Seminar



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The Reading Seminar curriculum focuses on the acquisition of vocabulary and the mastery of basic reading skills as applied to nonfiction.

Where traditional language arts classes focus primarily on the analysis of literary elements and comprehension of fictional novels and short stories, Reading Seminar classes focus on understanding and interpreting nonfiction materials such as essays, editorials, reviews, magazine and newspaper articles.

The goal of the Reading Seminar class is to improve all students' reading comprehension by reviewing and practicing individual reading skills such as establishing purpose / predicting, making inferences, evaluating and clarifying, finding main ideas, and using vocabulary in context, to name a few.

- ❖ Reading Seminar classes meet every other day.
- ❖ Students will be quizzed on one unit in their *Wordly Wise* vocabulary books every five class periods.
- ❖ Students will be given a *Wordly Wise* vocabulary book to take home, but all other reading materials and books will be kept in class.

“The Harder I Work, the More Luck I Seem to Have”

-Thomas Jefferson

Keys to Success

Wordly Wise Vocabulary Quizzes:

Visit the links on my webpage to help you study.

Jamestown Critical Reading Drills:

The skills we introduce and refine throughout the year are assessed on Jamestown tests. For students looking to prepare for a Jamestown, I offer sample Jamestown tests and 6Way Paragraphs that students can try. Check my webpage for materials.

PowerSchool:

Martino teachers utilize PowerSchool, an online grade book. I update grades once a week, typically by the end of the day each Friday. This tool helps students understand how overall class grades are determined. It also eliminates any surprises at the end of the trimester.

Supplies:

- *Wordly Wise workbook
- *Your LA binder with a section for this class
- *Paper
- *Folder