

WELCOME TO ADVANCED LANGUAGE ARTS 7

June 2019

Dear Student,

In order to prepare for your year in ALA 7, you will be asked to complete a few activities over the summer. Please read on to learn more!

1) The first book that we read upon returning to school in the fall is a Sherlock Holmes novel. In preparation, read the three Sherlock Holmes stories listed below.

- “A Scandal in Bohemia”
- “The Red-Headed League”
- “The Adventure of the Speckled Band”

These stories can be found [at http://www.mysterynet.com/holmes/sherlock-holmes-stories/](http://www.mysterynet.com/holmes/sherlock-holmes-stories/) or scan here



It is important for you to know that these stories are challenging to read. You are encouraged to read the stories multiple times and to seek out help if you need it. You may talk with other students, your parents, and even use the internet to help you.

2) Complete the enclosed CSI activity about Sherlock Holmes. The instructions are below.

- Consider what you have learned about the character of Sherlock Holmes from your readings.
 - In the ‘C’ box: What **color** do you associate with him? Illustrate the color and write your reasoning for choosing the color. Make sure you support your reasoning with evidence from the stories.
 - In the ‘S’ box: What **symbol** do you associate with him? A symbol is defined as something used for or regarded as something else. For example, one might say that the American flag is a symbol for freedom (think emoji or keys on a keyboard). Illustrate the symbol with color and write your reasoning for choosing the symbol. Make sure you support your reasoning with evidence from the stories.
 - In the ‘I’ box: What **image** do you associate with him? An image is a detailed picture. Illustrate the image with color and write your reasoning for choosing the image. Make sure you support your reasoning with evidence from the stories.
 - Staple additional paper to your CSI if needed.

3) **Read & Write!!!** As an ALA 7 student, you will be expected to read multiple texts for various reasons. Make sure you take some time this summer to read for pleasure. Also, make sure your writing skills stay sharp. Keep a journal, write a story, or correspond with a friend or relative.

These activities are due on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 - Yes, that is the second day of school!

Enjoy your summer! I am excited to meet you in the fall!

Sincerely,

Mr. McConnell