

This **Middle School Language Arts General Assignment Rubric** will be used to grade the lesson assignments you complete during this unit. It shows what your teacher is looking for in your work—things like clear ideas, strong organization, good grammar, and following directions. Each part of the rubric has a point value to help you understand how your assignment will be scored. You can use this rubric to check your work before turning it in to make sure you are doing your best and meeting all expectations.

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Criteria	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement	Limited
Content and Understanding (2 points)	2 pts Assignment demonstrates a thorough understanding of the topic. Information is accurate, detailed, and insightful.	1.5 pts Assignment shows good understanding of the topic. Most information is accurate, with some details.	1 pts Assignment demonstrates basic understanding but lacks details or has some inaccuracies.	.5 pts Assignment show limited understanding with many inaccuracies or missing key details.	0 pts Assignment shows little or no understanding of the topic; mostly inaccurate or off-topic.
Organization and Structure (2 points)	2 pts Well-organized, logical structure. Clear introduction, body, and conclusion. Ideas flow smoothly.	1.5 pts Mostly organized with a clear structure. Some parts may lack clarity or flow.	1 pts Organization is basic but has some disjointed sections or unclear transitions.	.5 pts Organization is poor; ideas are confusing or missing transitions.	0 pts No clear organization; ideas are scattered and confusing.
Formatting, Grammar, Spelling, and Punctuation (2 points)	2 pts Writing is clear, concise, and free from errors. Header is fully included with all required information (name, date, title, class).	1.5 pts Few minor grammar or spelling errors, but they don't distract from understanding. Header is present but missing 1 required element.	1 pts Noticeable errors that occasionally confuse meaning. Header is missing 2 required elements.	.5 pts Frequent errors that distract from understanding. Header is incomplete or unclear (missing most required information).	0 pts Many errors make comprehension difficult. No header is included.

Effort and Creativity (2 points)	2 pts Shows high creativity and effort. Exceeds expectations with original thought and engagement.	1.5 pts Good effort and creativity. Meets expectations but could be more engaging.	1 pts Adequate effort and creativity. Some parts lack originality or detail.	.5 pts Little effort or creativity; the project is basic and minimally engaging.	0 pts No effort or creativity evident; the project is incomplete or copied.
Adherence to Guidelines (2 points)	2 pts Fully meets assignment guidelines, including length and requirements.	1.5 pts Meets most guidelines but may be slightly off in length or missing one detail.	1 pts Meets basic guidelines but missing some key elements.	.5 pts Partially meets guidelines but missing multiple elements or length requirements.	Does not meet assignment guidelines; many elements missing or incomplete.

Plagiarism Policy Reminder

American High School upholds the highest standards of academic integrity and expects all students to demonstrate honesty and responsibility in their academic work. Academic integrity is a fundamental value of our school community, requiring students to complete their own work and appropriately acknowledge the ideas and words of others.

This expectation also includes the responsible use of technology. The excessive or inappropriate use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools to complete assignments, tests, or projects — in place of a student’s own effort — is considered a violation of the school’s academic integrity policy.

Any instance of plagiarism — defined as presenting another person’s work, ideas, or expressions as one’s own — is a serious violation of school policy. Students found in violation of the plagiarism policy will face disciplinary consequences.

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