

**DOBBS FERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**SUBJECT:** Language and Literature AIS (Academic Intervention Services)

**Grade: 8**

Offered: Full Year

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

AIS are services designed to help students achieve the learning standards in Language and Literature. This extra help is made available through focused instruction and increased instructional time. The goal of the class is to work on enhancing students' literacy skills to assist them in all areas of their learning. The course focuses on reading, writing, comprehension, spelling, and vocabulary. Data is kept to show growth, as well as areas of strengths and weaknesses.

**ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES:**

*By June of this year, students in this class will be able to*

1. Recognize and utilize reading strategies for recognizing context clues, identifying the main idea, distinguishing fact from opinion, identifying supporting details, recognizing theme, understanding text structure, and evaluating the validity of an argument.
2. Construct short responses by restating the question, answering the question, and providing the necessary number of supporting details to support their answers.

Students are identified for class eligibility by their performance level on state assessments in Language and Literature. Students who score Level 1 or Level 2 on their state assessment are eligible for AIS. Students are also identified as needing help by district-adopted or district-approved testing and procedures.

**MATERIALS:**

- Folder and worksheets

**CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT:**

Students will not receive a grade in this course. However, comments will be used to show strengths and weaknesses.

*Outline developed by: Language and Literature Department*

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