

English Language Arts Grades 6-12 **LESS/MORE** Chart

GRADES 6-8

English Language Arts Education will involve **LESS....**

- Recall questions
- Stand-alone vocabulary
- Genre based organization
- Teaching of isolated skills
- "Coverage" of content
- Teacher-centered lessons

English Language Arts Education will involve **MORE....**

- Complex text
- Guided inquiry
- More mentor texts
- More variety of texts (poems, images, nonfiction)
- Critical Thinking
- Thematic based units
- Student-centered lessons

GRADES 9-12

- Teacher-driven focus and discussion
- Study of texts in isolation
- Worksheets with questions (one right answer)
- Passive learning
- Grading of isolated skills
- Artificial and isolated writing assignments

- Types of reading (News articles, Nonfiction, Poetry)
- Choice
- Student focus
- Move to independence
- Modeling
- Inquiry
- Cultures of Thinking
- Active learning
- Conferencing
- Authentic writing as a response to reading

