



8th Grade ELA – Q2 Pacing Guide for 2023 - 2024

Unit 3: “What Matters” EQ: When is it right to take a stand?

Week	Texts	Key Reading Standards
Weeks 1 - 2: Oct. 16 – Oct. 20 Oct. 23 – Oct. 27	Edgar Allan Poe Unit “The Tell-Tale Heart” (short story) “The Oval Portrait” (short story) poems - TBD Writing Focus: 8.W.TTP.3 (narrative review with creative essay) CFA: “The Little Match Girl”	Reading Informational Reading Literature 8.RL.KID.1 8.RL.KID.2 8.RL.KID.3 8.RL.CS.4 8.RL.CS.5 8.RL.CS.6 8.RL.IKI.7 8.RL.IKI.9
Week 3: Oct. 30 – Nov. 3	<i>Pearson MyPerspectives</i> “What Matters” unit kick-off Civics Essay contest (TBD) & “What Matters” project	Reading Informational Reading Literature
Weeks 4 – 7: Nov. 6 – Nov. 10 Nov. 13 – Nov. 17 Nov. 21 – 22* Nov. 27 – Dec. 1	Argumentative Unit – Food Systems “The Food System” – John Hopkins Center for a Livable Future (article) “10 Things You Need to Know About the Global Food System” (article) “Feeding Nine Billion Video 1: Introducing Solutions to the Global Food Crisis” (video) (additional supporting texts and videos TBD) CFA: Paired Argumentative Texts *”Two Thanksgiving Day Gentlemen” (short story) Writing Focus: 8.W.TTP.1 (argumentative essay)	Reading Informational 8.RI.KID.2 8.RI.KID.3 8.RI.CS.4 8.RI.CS.5 8.RI.CS.6 8.RI.IKI.8 8.RI.IKI.9 Reading Literature
Weeks 8 – 10: Dec. 4 – Dec. 8 Dec. 11 – Dec. 15 Dec. 18 – Dec. 20*	“The Gift of the Magi” (short story) Quiz – “I Am Offering this Poem to You” Checkpoint Window (Dec. 11 – Dec. 20)	Independent learning skills and review practice probe are TBD by teacher depending on student needs.