

English Language Arts  
Grade 8

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**Course Name: ELA**  
**Grade: 8**

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\*All curriculum is aligned with the NJSLS in accordance with the Department's curriculum implementation timeline and includes all required components (NJ.A.C.6A:8).

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| Overview                      | Reading                                                                                                                                                                                | Writing                                                                                                                                                       | Speaking and Listening                                                                            | Language                                                                                  |
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| <a href="#"><u>Unit 1</u></a> | Primary Focus Standards:<br>RL.8.1      RI.8.1<br><br>RL.8.2      RI.8.2<br><br>RL.8.3      RI.8.3<br><br>RL.8.4      RI.8.4<br><br>RL.8.6      RI.8.6                                 | Primary Focus Standards:<br>W.8.2A,B,C,D,E,F<br>W.8.4<br>W.8.5<br>W.8.6<br>W.8.10<br>Select at least one from W.8.7, 8.8,<br>8.9A,B                           | Primary Focus Standards:<br>SL.8.1A,B,C,D<br>SL.8.4<br>SL.8.6                                     | Primary Focus Standards:<br>L.8.1A<br>L.8.2C<br>L.8.4A,C,D<br>L.8.6                       |
|                               | Text Type: (fiction and nonfiction) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1 - 2 Extended Texts</li> <li>● 4-8 shorter texts depending upon length and complexity</li> </ul>         | Writing Genre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Informational/Explanatory</li> <li>● Literary Analysis/Research</li> <li>● Routine Writing</li> </ul> | Task Types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Small and whole group discussions</li> </ul> | These standards are embedded within the writing process                                   |
| <a href="#"><u>Unit 2</u></a> | Primary Focus Standards:<br>RL.8.1      RI.8.1<br><br>RL.8.2      RI.8.2<br><br>RL.8.6      RI.8.3<br><br>RI.8.4<br><br>RI.8.5<br><br>RI.8.6<br><br>RI.8.7<br><br>RI.8.8<br><br>RI.8.9 | Primary Focus Standards:<br>W.8.1A,B,C,D,E<br>W.8.4<br>W.8.5<br>W.8.6<br>W.8.10<br>Select at least one from W.8.7, 8.8,<br>8.9A,B                             | Primary Focus Standards:<br>SL.8.1A,B,C,D<br>SL.8.3<br>SL.8.4<br>SL.8.6                           | Primary Focus Standards:<br>L.8.1B<br>L.8.2B,C<br>L.8.3A<br>L.8.4A,C,D<br>L.8.5B<br>L.8.6 |

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|                               | Text Type: (fiction and nonfiction) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 - 2 Extended Texts</li> <li>4-8 shorter texts depending upon length and complexity</li> </ul>                                   | Writing Genre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Argument/Research</li> <li>Routine Writing</li> </ul>                       | Task type: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project-based presentations focusing on use of multimedia and visual displays</li> </ul>                | These standards are embedded within the writing process                                     |
| <a href="#"><u>Unit 3</u></a> | Primary Focus Standards:<br>RL.8.1      RI.8.1<br><br>RL.8.2      RI.8.2<br><br>RL.8.3      RI.8.3<br><br>RL.8.4      RI.8.4<br><br>RL.8.5      RI.8.5<br><br>RL.8.6      RI.8.6<br><br>RL.8.7<br><br>RL.8.9 | Primary Focus Standards:<br>W.8.3A,B,C,D,E<br>W.8.4<br>W.8.5<br>W.8.6<br>W.8.10<br>Select at least one from W.8.7, 8.8, 8.9A,B    | Primary Focus Standards:<br>SL.8.1A,B,C,D<br>SL.8.2<br>SL.8.4<br>SL.8.6                                                                                   | Primary Focus Standards:<br>L.8.1C<br>L.8.2A,C<br>L.8.3A<br>L.8.4A,C,D<br>L.8.5A,C<br>L.8.6 |
|                               | Text Type: (fiction and nonfiction) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 - 2 Extended Texts</li> <li>4-8 shorter texts depending upon length and complexity</li> </ul>                                   | Writing Genre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Narrative</li> <li>Literary Analysis</li> <li>Routine Writing</li> </ul>    | Task Type: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss, analyze and present effectiveness of media messages in small groups and whole class</li> </ul> | These standards are embedded within the writing process                                     |
| <a href="#"><u>Unit 4</u></a> | Primary Focus Standards:<br>RL.8.1      RI.8.1<br><br>RL.8.2      RI.8.2<br><br>RL.8.3      RI.8.3<br><br>RL.8.4      RI.8.4                                                                                 | Primary Focus Standards:<br>W.8.2A,B,C,D,E,F<br>W.8.4<br>W.8.5<br>W.8.6<br>W.8.10,<br>Select at least one from W.8.7, 8.8, 8.9A,B | Primary Focus Standards:<br>SL.8.1A,B,C,D<br>SL.8.2<br>SL.8.5<br>SL.8.6                                                                                   | Primary Focus Standards:<br>L.8.1D<br>L.8.2C<br>L.8.4A,B,C,D<br>L.8.6                       |

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| <b>Suggested Open Educational Resources</b> | <b>Reading</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Close In on Close Reading</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Deeply Analyze Text</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Analyze an Argument</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Understanding and Analyzing an Argument</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Informational Text Strategies</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">How to Write Literary Analysis Essay</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">YouTube Reading Lessons Middle School</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Common Core Strategies</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Teaching Reading</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Close Reading Model Lessons</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Writing Character Analysis</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Analyzing Theme</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Vocabulary Connotations - Interview with a Vocabulary Word</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Connotative/Denotative Video</a></li> </ul> | <b>Writing/Language</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Teacher Tube - Counterclaims and rebuttals</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Evidence Based Arguments</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Writing Fix: Word Choice Resources</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Writing Resources by Strand</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Word Choice YouTube</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Argumentative Writing YouTube</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Writing Exemplars - Argument/Opinion</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">PARCC Writing Resources</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Harvard College Writing Center</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Writing Exemplars by Grade Level and Aspects to Consider in Writing</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Thesis Writing</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Discussion, Planning and Questioning</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Literary Analysis</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Perdue Owl Literary Analysis</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Edutopia Teaching Literary Analysis</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Purdue OWL Writing Lab</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Grammar</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Narrative Essay Writing</a></li> </ul> | <b>Speaking &amp; Listening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Inquiry Based Learning (Edutopia)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Engaging Students Using Discussion</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Strategies for Student Centered Discussion</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Socratic Seminar: ReadWriteThink</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Fishbowl Strategy</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Stems on Fostering Class Discussion</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Fishbowl Strategies: Teach Like This</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Accountable Talk</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">AVID Socratic Seminar</a></li> </ul> | <b>Critical Thinking</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Levels of Thinking in Bloom's and Webb's Depth of Knowledge</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Cognitive Rigor Chart</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">5 Strategies For Middle School Classrooms</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Spectrum of Standards by Grade: Breakdown of Standards and Sample Lessons</a></li> </ul> |

**Unit 1 - INTRODUCTION TO TEXT ANALYSIS**

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| <b>Unit 1 Reading Standards</b> | <b>Unit 1 Reading Critical Knowledge and Skills</b> |
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| <p>RL.8.1. Cite the textual evidence and <b>make relevant connections</b> that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.</p>                              | <p>RI.8.1. Cite the textual evidence <b>and make relevant connections</b> that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.</p>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Closely read the text</li> <li>● Use strategies: questioning, determining importance, looking for patterns to extract quality evidence to support a claim</li> <li>● Identify and analyze author’s purposeful use of language and literary devices</li> <li>● Make personal connections, make connections to other text, and/or global connections when relevant</li> <li>● Gather evidence from the text to support inferences or explicit meaning</li> <li>● Paraphrase and directly quote evidence from text</li> <li>● Correctly cite evidence</li> <li>● Use evidence from the text to make and check predictions when reading</li> <li>● Read and analyze a variety of literary genres and informational texts</li> <li>● Probe a segment of text in order to study and evaluate its multiple, deeper, and varied meanings</li> <li>● Combine text information and prior knowledge (personal experience and/or previous reading) to create new information in the form of inferences</li> <li>● Refer to the text for support when <u>analyzing</u> and drawing inferences</li> </ul> |
| <p>RL.8.2. Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot; provide an objective summary of the text.</p> | <p>RI.8.2. Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provide a statement of a theme or central idea of a fictional or informational text, based on textual evidence</li> <li>● Analyze the development of the theme or central idea over the course of the fictional or informational text</li> <li>● Analyze how the theme or central idea relates to the characters, setting, and/or plot or important details and facts</li> <li>● Summarize the text objectively, capturing the main ideas</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>RL.8.3. Analyze how particular lines of dialogue or incidents in a story or drama propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision.</p>                                                              | <p>RL.8.3. Analyze how a text makes connections among and distinctions between individuals, ideas, or events (e.g., through comparisons, analogies, or categories).</p>                              | <p>RL.8.3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Determine how specific events or dialogue significantly impact the development of a story</li> <li>● Determine critical turning points of the plot, analyzing choices made by characters, or examining external and internal conflicts -- all of which build the momentum of the story</li> <li>● Explain the cause/effect result of specific lines or incidents in relation to the story’s plot or development</li> <li>● Analyze how particular lines of dialogue or incidents in a story or drama propel the action, provoke a decision, and/or reveal aspects of a character</li> <li>● Explain why the author chose to include the dialogue or incidents</li> <li>● Analyze the impact of the dialogue or incidents on the reader</li> <li>● Evaluate the author’s effectiveness in using particular lines of dialogue or incidents to propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                               |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>RI.8.3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Use a note taking structure to track key individuals, events, and/or ideas in informational texts</li> <li>● Understand how different text structures present and link information.</li> <li>● Reflect on how the writer’s choice of structure relates to the overall central idea or purpose</li> <li>● Generalize how specific genres of informational texts tend to rely on particular structures to determine relationships between individuals, ideas, or events</li> <li>● Analyze a writer’s style and presentation to determine the relationship between individuals, ideas, or events</li> <li>● Analyze why the author chose to make connections and distinctions between particular individuals, ideas, or events</li> <li>● Analyze the impact of the connections and distinctions between ideas, individuals, and events on the reader</li> <li>● Analyze the effectiveness of the connections and distinctions between ideas, individuals, and events in communicating the author’s central idea</li> </ul> |
| <p>RL.8.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.</p> | <p>RI.8.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Demonstrate the ability to determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text (e.g., figurative, connotative, technical)</li> <li>● Provide an analysis of the impact of specific word choice on meaning and/or tone</li> <li>● Identify analogies and allusions</li> <li>● Analyze why the author chose to include specific word choice, including analogies or allusions</li> <li>● Analyze how specific word choice, including analogies and allusions, impacts the reader</li> <li>● Evaluate the effectiveness of the author’s choice to use specific word choice</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>RL.8.6. Analyze how differences in the points of view of the characters and the audience or reader (e.g., created through the use of dramatic irony) create such effects as suspense or humor.</p>                                                  | <p>RI.8.6. Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author acknowledges and responds to conflicting evidence or viewpoints.</p>                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provide a statement of an author’s point of view and author’s purpose in a fiction and nonfiction text</li> <li>● Determine how one or more differences in the points of view can create bias in fiction and nonfiction text</li> <li>● Explain how the author acknowledges and responds to counterarguments</li> <li>● Analyze how the author uses literary devices to develop effects such as suspense or humor</li> <li>● Analyze the impact of the author’s point of view or purpose choices on the reader</li> <li>● Evaluate the effectiveness of the author’s point of view or purpose choices</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p><b>Unit 1 Writing Standards</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p><b>Unit 1 Writing Critical Knowledge and Skills</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| <p>W.8.2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.</p> <p>W.8.2.A. Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information <b>using text structures (e.g., definition, classification, comparison/contrast, cause/effect, etc.) and text features (e.g., headings, graphics, and multimedia).</b></p> <p>W.8.2.B. Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.</p> <p>W.8.2.C. Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.</p> <p>W.8.2.D. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.</p> <p>W.8.2.E. Establish and maintain a formal style.</p> <p>W.8.2.F. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Focus writing on thoroughly describing or explaining a topic</li> <li>● Identify the defining elements of this specific writing genre</li> <li>● Explore topics from their content area classes</li> <li>● Write an introduction that clearly outlines ideas to follow</li> <li>● Organize ideas and information using text structures and text features</li> <li>● Write a thesis statement</li> <li>● Select facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples</li> <li>● Use transitional words and phrases</li> <li>● Choose specific vocabulary and language</li> <li>● Develop and use a consistent style, approach and form for the task</li> <li>● Write a conclusion to close the ideas in the text</li> <li>● Create language that is appropriate to one's audience and a formal tone</li> </ul> |
| <p>W.8.4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, <b>voice</b>, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Identify defining characteristics of a variety of writing tasks</li> <li>● Utilize strategies to unpack a writing prompt</li> <li>● Write for a specific purpose and audience</li> <li>● Select an appropriate text structure or format for the task</li> <li>● Use language that is precise and powerful to create voice</li> <li>● Create a tone that is appropriate for one's audience</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>W.8.5. With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Revise and edit intentionally to improve writing</li> <li>● Generate ideas to develop topic</li> <li>● Revise writing with a partner or self-editing checklists</li> <li>● View writing from the vantage point of the audience in order to determine the effectiveness of their words, organization, etc.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>W.8.6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Use technological resources to enhance writing</li> <li>● Use technology to broaden research base</li> <li>● Use evidence found online to support ideas</li> <li>● Give and receive feedback using technology</li> <li>● Seek out authentic publishing opportunities</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>W.8.7 (Choice). Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Explore inquiry topics through short research projects</li> <li>● Compose student-generated questions focused around areas of interest or content studies</li> <li>● Research and synthesize information from several sources</li> <li>● Develop research questions</li> <li>● Determine keywords or topics for each question</li> <li>● Conduct research and synthesize multiple sources of information</li> <li>● Compose follow-up research questions based on the initial search</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| <p>W.8.8 (Choice). Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Use search terms effectively</li> <li>● Write a clear thesis statement</li> <li>● Draw evidence from multiple texts to support thesis</li> <li>● Assess the credibility and accuracy of each source</li> <li>● Select direct and indirect quotations that relate to the topic as evidence</li> <li>● Follow MLA guidelines to cite direct and indirect quotations</li> <li>● Identify examples of plagiarism in writing</li> <li>● Avoid plagiarism in writing</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>W.8.9 (Choice). Apply <i>grade 8 Reading standards</i> to analyze and comment on fiction or nonfiction (such as themes, patterns, evaluation of arguments and claims and relevance or irrelevance of evidence).</p> <p>W.8.9.A. Apply grade 8 Reading standards to literature (e.g., "Analyze how a modern work of fiction draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types from myths, traditional stories, or religious works such as the Bible, including describing how the material is rendered new").</p> <p>W.8.9.B. Apply grade 8 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced").</p>                                                                                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Identify evidence that supports claims in literary analysis</li> <li>● Incorporate textual evidence into written pieces</li> <li>● Logically connect evidence to claims in writing</li> <li>● Analyze author's use of style and structure</li> <li>● Identify and analyze allusions</li> <li>● Select direct and indirect quotations that relate to the topic as evidence</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>W.8.10. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, <b>metacognition/self correction</b>, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of <b>discipline-specific</b> tasks, purposes, and audiences.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Practice writing in a myriad of situations (journals, dialogues, creative tasks, etc.)</li> <li>● Produce written reflections</li> <li>● Explain stylistic choices made while writing</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p><b>Unit 1 Speaking and Listening Standards</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p><b>Unit 1 Speaking and Listening Critical Knowledge and Skills</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>SL.8.1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.</p> <p>SL.8.1.A. Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.</p> <p>SL.8.1.B. Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.</p> <p>SL.8.1.C. Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.</p> <p>SL.8.1.D. Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Read required texts prior to discussions</li> <li>● Prepare for discussions</li> <li>● Use previous knowledge to expand discussions about a topic</li> <li>● Engage in conversations about grade-appropriate topics and texts</li> <li>● Participate in a variety of rich, structured conversations</li> <li>● Define and identify rules for discussions, including group and individual roles</li> <li>● Model appropriate behavior during discussions</li> <li>● Craft and respond to specific questions based on the topic or text, elaborating when necessary</li> <li>● Reflect on and paraphrase what was discussed</li> <li>● Summarize the ideas expressed</li> </ul> |



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| SL.8.4. Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Present information using sound, detailed, and relevant evidence in a coherent manner</li> <li>● Use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| SL.8.6. Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. (See grade 8 Language standards 1 and 3 here for specific expectations.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Orally present information, using appropriate speech, in a variety of situations</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Unit 1 Language Standards</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Unit 1 Language Critical Knowledge and Skills</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| L.8.1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.<br>L.8.1.A. Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Identify verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in writing</li> <li>● Explain the function of verbals in general</li> <li>● Explain the function of verbals in particular sentences</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| L.8.2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.<br>L.8.2.C. Spell correctly.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Apply common rules and patterns to spell words correctly</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| L.8.4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on <i>grade 8 reading and content</i> , choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.<br>L.8.4.A. Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.<br>L.8.4.C. Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.<br>L.8.4.D. Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Use a combination of context clues, structural clues, and the word's position and function in a sentence to determine the meaning of unknown words or phrases</li> <li>● Use dictionaries, glossaries, and/or thesauruses to find the pronunciation of a word</li> <li>● Use dictionaries, glossaries, and/or thesauruses to determine the actual meaning of a word or its part of speech</li> <li>● Verify the inferred meaning of a word is the actual meaning by using dictionaries, glossaries, and/or thesauruses</li> <li>● Consult reference materials that are both printed and digital</li> </ul> |
| L.8.6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Understand and apply conversational, academic, and domain specific vocabulary</li> <li>● Interpret unknown words and their meanings, using context clues, understanding Greek and Latin roots, and applying grammatical knowledge of function and form</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

**Unit 1: INTRODUCTION TO TEXT ANALYSIS**

**Rationale:** The Introduction to Text Analysis unit is used to introduce students to the basics of literary study and informational reading strategies; we begin to identify important literary terminology and apply these skills to the stories we read. The unit is also used as a means of teaching relevant reading strategies, such as meta-cognition, text connections, and inferential reading, which will serve students in terms of navigating both literary and informational texts. The selected works will provide profound insights into the human condition and serve as models for students' own thinking and writing. Along with high-quality contemporary works, these texts should be chosen from among seminal U.S. documents, the classics of American literature, and timeless examples of world literature.

**Essential Questions**

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- What are common literary devices used across literature?
- How can we connect the texts we read to our own lives? To our world? To other works of literature?
- What are the varieties of conflicts one may face?
- What are the elements of literature? How do we see them utilized in the stories we read?
- What strategies can we employ to help us better comprehend the stories we read?
- How do we draw inferences using details and examples from the text in fiction and nonfiction?
- How does an author use reasons and evidence to support main ideas in a text?
- How do we integrate information from multiple texts on the same topic?

| District/School Formative Assessment Plan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | District/School Summative Assessment Plan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Class discussion</i></li> <li>● <i>Reading checks</i></li> <li>● <i>Reading quizzes</i></li> <li>● <i>Exit tickets</i></li> <li>● <i>Graphic organizers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Text to text chart</i></li> <li>○ <i>Double entry chart for close reading</i></li> <li>○ <i>Document analysis questions</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Literary Analysis Essay</i></li> <li>● <i>Oral Presentation</i></li> <li>● <i>Create videos</i></li> <li>● <i>Create podcasts</i></li> <li>● <i>Google Slideshow/Powerpoint</i></li> <li>● <i>Newspaper Articles</i></li> <li>● <i>Timeline</i></li> <li>● <i>Final Reading Assessment</i></li> <li>● <i>LinkIt!</i></li> <li>● <i>Achieve 3000</i></li> </ul>                    |
| Alternative Assessments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Evaluative Criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Assessment Evidence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p><b>Suggested Performance Rubric:</b> Use the following or similar rubric to evaluate students' performance on lesson assessments:</p> <p>4 - Innovating<br/>3 - Applying<br/>2 - Developing<br/>1 - Beginning</p>                                                                                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Sample alternate assessments:</b> rather than demonstrate comprehension of literary/text analysis skills in a formal essay or written test, students will be given the opportunity to show their understanding through alternate products and modified forms of whole-class assignments, including Google Slides presentations, podcasts, student created videos, etc.</li> </ul> |
| District/School Texts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | District/School Supplementary Resources                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p><i>Animal Farm - George Orwell (Novel)</i></p> <p><i>Raymond's Run - Toni Cade Bambara (Short Story)</i></p> <p><i>The Giver - Lois Lowry (Novel)</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p><b>ONLINE RESOURCES:</b></p> <p><i>Achieve 3000</i></p> <p><i>Newsela</i></p> <p><i>Mentor Texts</i></p> <p><i>Core Clicks</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| <p><i>You Don't Know Me - David Klass (Novel)</i></p> <p>Selected informational articles/readings connected to class texts</p> <p><i>**Consider inclusion of substantial non-fiction text for all districts</i></p> | <p><i>Education City</i><br/><i>Common Lit</i><br/><i>Readworks</i><br/><i>MobyMax</i><br/><i>Study Island</i></p> <p><b>MOVIES:</b><br/><i>The Giver (2014)</i><br/><i>Animal Farm (1999)</i></p> |
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**District/School Writing Tasks**

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| <p><b>Primary Focus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Expository Writing</i></li> <li>• <i>Literary Analysis Writing</i></li> <li>• <i>Comparing Texts for Analysis</i></li> </ul> | <p><b>Secondary Focus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Short answer responses utilizing RACE and quote sandwich</i></li> <li>• <i>4-square writing to organize pre-write</i></li> </ul> | <p><b>Routine Writing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Student journals</i></li> <li>• <i>Use quick writes with reading selections to address individual feelings and concerns.</i></li> <li>• <i>Double Entry Notes (Annotations) with reading and poetry selections.</i></li> <li>• <i>Summarizations</i></li> <li>• <i>Achieve 3000 Thought Questions</i></li> <li>• <i>R.A.C.E. (Restate, Answer, Cite, Elaborate)</i></li> </ul> |
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**Interdisciplinary Connections**

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| <p><b>Social Studies</b></p> <p>6.1 U.S. History: America in the World: All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically about how past and present interactions of people, cultures, and the environment shape the American heritage. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions that reflect fundamental rights and core democratic values as productive citizens in local, national, and global communities.</p> <p>6.2 World History/Global Studies: All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think</p> | <p><b>Science</b></p> <p>5.1.4.A.1 Demonstrate understanding of the interrelationships among fundamental concepts in the physical, life, and Earth systems sciences.</p> | <p><b>Visual and Performing Arts</b></p> <p>Standard 1.2 History of the Arts and Culture: All students will understand the role, development, and influence of the arts throughout history and across cultures.</p> |
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| <p>analytically and systematically about how past interactions of people, cultures, and the environment affect issues across time and cultures. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions as socially and ethically responsible world citizens in the 21st century.</p> <p>6.3 Active Citizenship in the 21st Century: All students will acquire the skills needed to be active, informed citizens who value diversity and promote cultural understanding by working collaboratively to address the challenges that are inherent in living in an interconnected world.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p><b>21st Century Skills/Career Education</b></p> <p>CRP2. Apply appropriate academic and technical skills. Career-ready individuals readily access and use the knowledge and skills acquired through experience and education to be more productive. They make connections between abstract concepts with real-world applications, and they make correct insights about when it is appropriate to apply the use of an academic skill in a workplace situation</p> <p>CRP4. Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason. Career-ready individuals communicate thoughts, ideas, and action plans with clarity, whether using written, verbal, and/or visual methods. They communicate in the workplace with clarity and purpose to make maximum use of their own and others' time. They are excellent writers; they master conventions, word choice, and organization, and use effective tone and presentation skills to articulate ideas. They are skilled at interacting with others; they are active listeners and speak clearly and with purpose.</p> | <p><b>Technology</b></p> <p>8.1.12.A.2 Produce and edit a multi-page digital document for a commercial or professional audience and present it to peers and/or professionals in that related area for review.</p> <p>8.1.12.A.3 Collaborate in online courses, learning communities, social networks or virtual worlds to discuss a resolution to a problem or issue.</p> <p>8.1.12.D.1 Demonstrate appropriate application of copyright, fair use and/or Creative Commons to an original work.</p> <p>8.1.12.D.2 Evaluate consequences of unauthorized electronic access (e.g., hacking) and disclosure, and on dissemination of personal information</p> <p>8.1.12.E.1 Produce a position statement about a real world problem by developing a systematic plan of investigation with peers and experts synthesizing information from multiple sources.</p> | <p><b>Health and Physical Education</b></p> <p>2.1.12 Social and Emotional Health: Respect and acceptance for individuals regardless of gender, sexual orientation, disability, ethnicity, socioeconomic background, religion, and/or culture provide a foundation for the prevention and resolution of conflict.</p> <p>2.2.12 Effective interpersonal communication encompasses respect and acceptance for individuals regardless of gender, sexual orientation, disability, ethnicity, socioeconomic background, religion, and/or culture.</p> |

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Career-ready individuals think about the audience for their communication and prepare accordingly to ensure the desired outcome.

CRP6. Demonstrate creativity and innovation. Career-ready individuals regularly think of ideas that solve problems in new and different ways, and they contribute those ideas in a useful and productive manner to improve their organization. They can consider unconventional ideas and suggestions as solutions to issues, tasks or problems, and they discern which ideas and suggestions will add greatest value. They seek new methods, practices, and ideas from a variety of sources and seek to apply those ideas to their own workplace. They take action on their ideas and understand how to bring innovation to an organization.

CRP7. Employ valid and reliable research strategies. Career-ready individuals are discerning in accepting and using new information to make decisions, change practices or inform strategies. They use reliable research process to search for new information. They evaluate the validity of sources when considering the use and adoption of external information or practices in their workplace situation.

CRP8. Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them. Career-ready individuals readily recognize problems in the workplace, understand the nature of the problem, and devise effective plans to solve the problem. They are aware of problems when they occur and take action quickly to address the

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problem; they thoughtfully investigate the root cause of the problem prior to introducing solutions. They carefully consider the options to solve the problem. Once a solution is agreed upon, they follow through to ensure the problem is solved, whether through their own actions or the actions of others.

CRP9. Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management. Career-ready individuals consistently act in ways that align personal and community-held ideals and principles while employing strategies to positively influence others in the workplace. They have a clear understanding of integrity and act on this understanding in every decision. They use a variety of means to positively impact the directions and actions of a team or organization, and they apply insights into human behavior to change others' action, attitudes and/or beliefs. They recognize the near-term and long-term effects that management's actions and attitudes can have on productivity, morals and organizational culture

CRP11. Use technology to enhance productivity. Career-ready individuals find and maximize the productive value of existing and new technology to accomplish workplace tasks and solve workplace problems. They are flexible and adaptive in acquiring new technology. They are proficient with ubiquitous technology applications. They understand the inherent risks-personal and organizational-of technology applications, and they take actions to prevent or mitigate these risks.

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| <p>CRP12. Work productively in teams while using cultural global competence. Career-ready individuals positively contribute to every team, whether formal or informal. They apply an awareness of cultural difference to avoid barriers to productive and positive interaction. They find ways to increase the engagement and contribution of all team members. They plan and facilitate effective team meetings.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Modifications and Accommodations</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p><b>Special Education Students</b><br/>         Guided notes<br/>         Graphic organizers<br/>         Audio for reading (LearningAlly)<br/>         Jigsaw strategies<br/>         Scaffolded assessments<br/>         Choice projects<br/>         Lexile appropriate differentiated material<br/>         Modeled writing/sentence starters<br/>         Additional as designated per student</p>             | <p><b>English Language Learners</b><br/>         Google Translate<br/>         Duolingo<br/>         NewsELA (lower Lexile level)<br/>         ELL Holt McDougal supplement</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p><b>Students at Risk for Failure</b><br/>         Guided notes<br/>         Graphic organizers<br/>         Audio for reading (LearningAlly)<br/>         Jigsaw strategies<br/>         Scaffolded assessments<br/>         Choice projects<br/>         Lexile appropriate differentiated material<br/>         Modeled writing/sentence starters<br/>         Additional as designated per student</p> |
| <p><b>Gifted and Talented Students</b><br/>         Choice projects<br/>         Lesson extensions/application<br/>         Higher level questions<br/>         Lexile appropriate differentiated material<br/>         Extended research/presentation of info to class<br/>         Differentiated resources through online services such as Study Island</p>                                                        | <p><b>Students with a 504 Plan</b><br/>         Guided notes<br/>         Graphic organizers<br/>         Audio for reading (LearningAlly)<br/>         Jigsaw strategies<br/>         Scaffolded assessments<br/>         Choice projects<br/>         Lexile appropriate differentiated material<br/>         Modeled writing/sentence starters<br/>         Additional as designated per student</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Unit Duration: Instructional Days</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>How long will the unit take to complete? 42 days</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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**Unit 2: RESEARCH**

| <b>Unit 2: RESEARCH</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>Unit 2 Reading Standards</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Unit 2 Reading Critical Knowledge and Skills</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>RL.8.1. Cite the textual evidence and <b>make relevant connections</b> that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.</p>                              | <p>RI.8.1. Cite the textual evidence <b>and make relevant connections</b> that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Closely read the text</li> <li>● Use strategies: questioning, determining importance, looking for patterns to extract quality evidence to support a claim</li> <li>● Identify and analyze author’s purposeful use of language and literary devices</li> <li>● Make personal connections, make connections to other text, and/or global connections when relevant</li> <li>● Gather evidence from the text to support inferences or explicit meaning</li> <li>● Paraphrase and directly quote evidence from text</li> <li>● Correctly cite evidence</li> <li>● Use evidence from the text to make and check predictions when reading</li> <li>● Read and analyze a variety of literary genres and informational texts</li> <li>● Probe a segment of text in order to study and evaluate its multiple, deeper, and varied meanings</li> <li>● Combine text information and prior knowledge (personal experience and/or previous reading) to create new information in the form of inferences</li> <li>● Refer to the text for support when analyzing and drawing inferences</li> </ul> |
| <p>RL.8.2. Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot; provide an objective summary of the text.</p> | <p>RI.8.2. Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provide a statement of a theme or central idea of a fictional or informational text, based on textual evidence</li> <li>● Analyze the development of the theme or central idea over the course of the fictional or informational text</li> <li>● Analyze how the theme or central idea relates to the characters, setting, and/or plot or important details and facts</li> <li>● Summarize the text objectively, capturing the main ideas</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>RI.8.3. Analyze how a text makes connections among and distinctions between individuals, ideas, or events (e.g., through comparisons, analogies, or categories).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Track key individuals, events, and/or ideas in informational texts</li> <li>● Understand how different text structures present and link information.</li> <li>● Reflect on how the writer’s choice of structure relates to the overall central idea or purpose</li> <li>● Generalize how specific genres of informational texts tend to rely on particular structures to determine relationships between individuals, ideas, or events</li> <li>● Analyze a writer’s style and presentation to determine the relationship between individuals, ideas, or events</li> <li>● Determine why the author chose to make connections and distinctions between particular individuals, ideas, or events</li> <li>● Analyze the impact of the connections and distinctions between ideas, individuals, and events on the reader</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |



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|                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze the effectiveness of the connections and distinctions between ideas, individuals, and events in communicating the author’s central idea</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>RI.8.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrate the ability to determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text (e.g., figurative, connotative, technical)</li> <li>Provide an analysis of the impact of specific word choice on meaning and/or tone</li> <li>Identify analogies and allusions</li> <li>Analyze why the author chose to include specific word choice, including analogies or allusions</li> <li>Analyze how specific word choice, including analogies and allusions, impacts the reader</li> <li>Evaluate the effectiveness of the author’s choice to use specific word choice</li> </ul>             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>RI.8.5. Analyze <b>the structure an author uses to organize</b> a specific paragraph in a text, including the role of particular sentences, to develop and to refine a key concept.</p>                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compare and contrast the structure of two or more texts</li> <li>Provide an analysis of how the differing structure of each text contributes to its meaning and style</li> <li>Analyze why each author chose their particular structure to contribute to the meaning and style of the text</li> <li>Analyze the impact that the structure choice has on the reader</li> <li>Make a judgment about which text structure more effectively contributes to the meaning and style of the text</li> </ul>                                                                                                    |
| <p>RL.8.6. Analyze how differences in the points of view of the characters and the audience or reader (e.g., created through the use of dramatic irony) create such effects as suspense or humor.</p> | <p>RI.8.6. Determine an author’s point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author acknowledges and responds to conflicting evidence or viewpoints.</p>                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide a statement of an author’s point of view and author’s purpose in a fiction and nonfiction text</li> <li>Determine how one or more differences in the points of view can create bias in fiction and nonfiction text</li> <li>Explain how the author acknowledges and responds to counterarguments</li> <li>Analyze how the author uses literary devices to develop effects such as suspense or humor</li> <li>Analyze the impact of the author’s point of view or purpose choices on the reader</li> <li>Evaluate the effectiveness of the author’s point of view or purpose choices</li> </ul> |
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| <b>Unit 2 Writing Standards</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Unit 2 Writing Critical Knowledge and Skills</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>W.8.1. Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.</p> <p>W.8.1.A. Introduce claim(s), acknowledge and distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.</p> <p>W.8.1.B. Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.</p> <p>W.8.1.C. Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.</p> <p>W.8.1.D. Establish and maintain a formal style/academic style, approach, and form.</p> <p>W.8.1.E. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence</li> <li>● Introduce claim(s)</li> <li>● Write a clear thesis statement</li> <li>● Address opposing claims</li> <li>● Discern claims from opposing claims</li> <li>● Organize the reasons and evidence logically.</li> <li>● Choose appropriate reasoning and evidence to support claims</li> <li>● Evaluate sources for accuracy and reliability</li> <li>● Demonstrate an understanding of the topic or text</li> <li>● Use transitional words and phrases</li> <li>● Use transitions to clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence</li> <li>● Choose a consistent style, approach, and form for the task</li> <li>● Close the text with a conclusion</li> </ul> |
| <p>W.8.4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, voice, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Identify defining characteristics of a variety of writing tasks</li> <li>● Utilize strategies to unpack a writing prompt</li> <li>● Write for a specific purpose and audience</li> <li>● Select an appropriate text structure or format for the task</li> <li>● Use language that is precise and powerful to create voice</li> <li>● Create a tone that is appropriate for one’s audience</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>W.8.5. With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Revise and edit intentionally to improve writing</li> <li>● Generate ideas to develop topic</li> <li>● Revise writing with a partner or self-editing checklists</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| W.8.6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use technological resources to enhance writing</li> <li>Use technology to broaden research base</li> <li>Use evidence found online to support ideas</li> <li>Give and receive feedback using technology</li> <li>Seek out authentic publishing opportunities</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| W.8.7 (Choice). Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore inquiry topics through short research projects</li> <li>Compose student-generated questions focused around areas of interest or content studies</li> <li>Research and synthesize information from several sources</li> <li>Develop research questions</li> <li>Determine keywords or topics for each question</li> <li>Conduct research and synthesize multiple sources of information</li> <li>Compose follow-up research questions based on the initial search</li> </ul> |
| W.8.8 (Choice). Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use search terms effectively</li> <li>Draw evidence from multiple texts to support thesis</li> <li>Assess the credibility and accuracy of each source</li> <li>Select direct and indirect quotations that relate to the topic as evidence</li> <li>Follow MLA guidelines to cite direct and indirect quotations</li> <li>Identify examples of plagiarism in writing</li> <li>Avoid plagiarism in writing</li> </ul>                                                                 |
| W.8.9 (Choice). Apply <i>grade 8 Reading standards</i> to analyze and comment on fiction or nonfiction (such as themes, patterns, evaluation of arguments and claims and relevance or irrelevance of evidence).<br>W.8.9.A. Apply grade 8 Reading standards to literature (e.g., "Analyze how a modern work of fiction draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types from myths, traditional stories, or religious works such as the Bible, including describing how the material is rendered new").<br>W.8.9.B. Apply grade 8 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced"). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify evidence that supports claims in literary analysis</li> <li>Incorporate textual evidence into written pieces</li> <li>Logically connect evidence to claims in writing</li> <li>Analyze author's use of style and structure</li> <li>Identify and analyze allusions</li> <li>Select direct and indirect quotations that relate to the topic as evidence</li> </ul>                                                                                                          |
| W.8.10. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, <b>metacognition/self correction</b> , and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of <b>discipline-specific</b> tasks, purposes, and audiences.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practice writing in a myriad of situations (journals, dialogues, creative tasks, etc.)</li> <li>Produce written reflections</li> <li>Explain stylistic choices made while writing</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Unit 2 Speaking and Listening Standards</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Unit 2 Speaking and Listening Critical Knowledge and Skills</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| <p>SL.8.1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.</p> <p>SL.8.1.A. Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.</p> <p>SL.8.1.B. Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.</p> <p>SL.8.1.C. Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.</p> <p>SL.8.1.D. Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Read required texts prior to discussions</li> <li>● Prepare for discussions</li> <li>● Use previous knowledge to expand discussions about a topic</li> <li>● Engage in conversations about grade-appropriate topics and texts</li> <li>● Participate in a variety of rich, structured conversations</li> <li>● Define and identify rules for discussions, including group and individual roles</li> <li>● Model appropriate behavior during discussions</li> <li>● Craft and respond to specific questions based on the topic or text, elaborating when necessary</li> <li>● Reflect on and paraphrase what was discussed</li> <li>● Summarize the ideas expressed</li> </ul> |
| <p>SL.8.3. Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, evaluating the soundness of the reasoning and relevance and sufficiency of the evidence and identifying when irrelevant evidence is introduced.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Determine the speaker's argument and claims</li> <li>● Evaluate whether the speaker's reasoning is rational and legitimate</li> <li>● Evaluate whether there is enough evidence to support the claims</li> <li>● Identify when extraneous information is presented</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>SL.8.4. Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Present information using sound, detailed, and relevant evidence in a coherent manner</li> <li>● Use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>SL.8.6. Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. (See grade 8 Language standards 1 and 3 <a href="#">here</a> for specific expectations.)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Orally present information, using appropriate speech, in a variety of situations</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p><b>Unit 2 Language Standards</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p><b>Unit 2 Language Critical Knowledge and Skills</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>L.8.1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.</p> <p>L.8.1.B. Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Differentiate between active and passive voice</li> <li>● Identify active and passive voice in reading</li> <li>● Correctly use verbs in the active and passive voice when writing or speaking</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>L.8.2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.</p> <p>L.8.2.B. Use an ellipsis to indicate an omission.</p> <p>L.8.2.C. Spell correctly.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate an omission</li> <li>● Apply common rules and patterns to spell words correctly</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>L.8.3. Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.</p> <p>L.8.3.A. Use verbs in the active and passive voice and in the conditional and subjunctive mood to achieve particular effects (e.g., emphasizing the actor or the action; expressing uncertainty or describing a state contrary to fact).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Identify verbs used in the active and passive voice and in the conditional and subjunctive mood</li> <li>● Select verbs in various moods to achieve an intentional effect</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>L.8.4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on <i>grade 8 reading and content</i>, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Use a combination of context clues, structural clues, and the word's position and function in a sentence to determine the meaning of unknown words or phrases</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| <p>L.8.4.A. Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.</p> <p>L.8.4.C. Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.</p> <p>L.8.4.D. Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Use dictionaries, glossaries, and/or thesauruses to find the pronunciation of a word</li> <li>● Use dictionaries, glossaries, and/or thesauruses to determine the actual meaning of a word or its part of speech</li> <li>● Verify the inferred meaning of a word is the actual meaning by using dictionaries, glossaries, and/or thesauruses</li> <li>● Consult reference materials that are both printed and digital</li> </ul> |
| <p>L.8.5. Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.</p> <p>L.8.5.B. Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Identify the relationship of words</li> <li>● Clarify words by using the relationship between them</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>L.8.6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Understand and apply conversational, academic, and domain specific vocabulary</li> <li>● Interpret unknown words and their meanings, using context clues, understanding Greek and Latin roots, and applying grammatical knowledge of function and form</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                 |

**Unit 2: RESEARCH**

**Rationale:** One of the most important skills that students must acquire is the ability to conduct independent research in order to create a written product. This skill will obviously be required of students in future English classes, but will also prove essential to performance in other disciplines. To become college and career ready, students must grapple with works of exceptional craft and thought whose range extends across genres, cultures, and centuries. Through wide and deep reading of literature and literary nonfiction of steadily increasing sophistication, students gain a reservoir of literary and cultural knowledge, references, and images; the ability to evaluate intricate arguments; and the capacity to surmount the challenges posed by complex texts. Students will utilize fiction and/or nonfiction readings to facilitate the research process, and will create a written product to demonstrate their findings. Students will also be expected to demonstrate speaking and listening skills and present their research in some capacity.

**Essential Questions**

- How do I know if the information that I have researched is reliable and valid?
- What does it mean to plagiarize? Why is it necessary to avoid plagiarism?
- How do I keep track of all of my sources and notes? Why is this necessary?
- What does it mean to cite a source? Why are parenthetical citations and works cited pages essential for research?

| District/School Formative Assessment Plan                                                                                                                                               | District/School Summative Assessment Plan                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Class discussion</li> <li>● Pre-research planning (prewrite)</li> <li>● Outline</li> <li>● Paraphrasing/Quoting practice worksheets</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Formal Research Paper</li> <li>● Student debate/Supreme Court case presentations</li> <li>● Oral Presentation</li> <li>● Create videos</li> <li>● Create podcasts</li> </ul> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Reading checks</i></li> <li>• <i>Reading quizzes</i></li> <li>• <i>Exit tickets</i></li> </ul>                                                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Google Slideshow/Powerpoint</i></li> <li>• <i>Newspaper Articles</i></li> <li>• <i>Timeline</i></li> <li>• <i>Final Reading Assessment</i></li> <li>• <i>LinkIt!</i></li> <li>• <i>Achieve 3000</i></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Alternative Assessments</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Evaluative Criteria</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Assessment Evidence</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p><b>Suggested Performance Rubric:</b> Use the following or similar rubric to evaluate students' performance on lesson assessments:</p> <p>4 - Innovating<br/>3 - Applying<br/>2 - Developing<br/>1 - Beginning</p>                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sample alternate assessments:</b> rather than demonstrate comprehension of literary/text analysis skills in a formal essay or written test, students will be given the opportunity to show their understanding through alternate products and modified forms of whole-class assignments, including Google Slides presentations, podcasts, student created videos, etc.</li> </ul>                                                          |
| <b>District/School Texts</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>District/School Supplementary Resources</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p><i>Night - Elie Wiesel</i></p> <p><i>Prisoner B3087 - Alan Gratz</i></p> <p><i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i></p> <p><i>Selected Supreme Court cases and documents</i></p> <p><i>Student-selected database and internet articles connected to chosen topic</i></p> | <p><b>STAGE PLAY:</b><br/><i>Dear Esther</i></p> <p><b>MOVIES:</b><br/><i>Escape from Sobibor (1987)</i><br/><i>Anne Frank: The Whole Story (2001)</i><br/><i>The Diary of Anne Frank (2010)</i></p> <p><b>TELEVISION:</b><br/><i>Elie Wiesel on Oprah (2006)</i></p> <p><b>ONLINE RESOURCES:</b><br/><i>Achieve 3000</i><br/><i>NewsELA</i><br/><i>ReadWorks</i><br/><i>CommonLit</i><br/><i>Mentor Texts</i><br/><i>Core Clicks</i><br/><i>Education City</i><br/><i>MobyMax</i></p> |

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*Study Island*

**United States Holocaust Museum**

<http://www.ushmm.org/>

**Anne Frank House**

<https://www.annefrank.org/en/>

**District/School Writing Tasks**

**Primary Focus:**

- *Research*
- *Argument*
- *Routine Writing*

**Secondary Focus:**

- *Short answer responses utilizing RACE and quote sandwich writing method*
- *4-square writing to organize pre-write*

**Routine Writing:**

- *Journaling*
- *Use quick writes with reading selections to address individual feelings and concerns.*
- *Double Entry Notes (Annotations) with reading*
- *Summarizations*
- *Achieve 3000 thought questions*
- *R.A.C.E. (Restate, Answer, Cite, Elaborate)*

**Interdisciplinary Connections**

(Click on the text above; it is linked to the state website where the information needed for this section can be found)

**Social Studies**

6.1 U.S. History: America in the World: All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically about how past and present interactions of people, cultures, and the environment shape the American heritage. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions that reflect fundamental rights and core democratic values as productive citizens in local, national, and global communities.

**Science**

5.1.4.A.1 Demonstrate understanding of the interrelationships among fundamental concepts in the physical, life, and Earth systems sciences.

**Visual and Performing Arts**

Standard 1.2 History of the Arts and Culture: All students will understand the role, development, and influence of the arts throughout history and across cultures.

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| <p>6.2 World History/Global Studies: All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically and systematically about how past interactions of people, cultures, and the environment affect issues across time and cultures. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions as socially and ethically responsible world citizens in the 21st century.</p> <p>6.3 Active Citizenship in the 21st Century: All students will acquire the skills needed to be active, informed citizens who value diversity and promote cultural understanding by working collaboratively to address the challenges that are inherent in living in an interconnected world.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p><b>21st Century Skills/Career Education</b></p> <p>CRP2. Apply appropriate academic and technical skills. Career-ready individuals readily access and use the knowledge and skills acquired through experience and education to be more productive. They make connections between abstract concepts with real-world applications, and they make correct insights about when it is appropriate to apply the use of an academic skill in a workplace situation</p> <p>CRP4. Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason. Career-ready individuals communicate thoughts, ideas, and action plans with clarity, whether using written, verbal, and/or visual methods. They communicate in the workplace with clarity and purpose to make maximum use of their own and others' time. They are excellent writers; they master conventions, word choice, and organization, and use effective tone and presentation skills to articulate ideas.</p> | <p><b>Technology</b></p> <p>8.1.12.A.2 Produce and edit a multi-page digital document for a commercial or professional audience and present it to peers and/or professionals in that related area for review.</p> <p>8.1.12.A.3 Collaborate in online courses, learning communities, social networks or virtual worlds to discuss a resolution to a problem or issue.</p> <p>8.1.12.D.1 Demonstrate appropriate application of copyright, fair use and/or Creative Commons to an original work.</p> <p>8.1.12.D.2 Evaluate consequences of unauthorized electronic access (e.g., hacking) and disclosure, and on dissemination of personal information</p> <p>8.1.12.E.1 Produce a position statement about a real world problem by developing a systematic plan of investigation with peers and experts synthesizing information from multiple sources.</p> | <p><b>Health and Physical Education</b></p> <p>2.1.12 Social and Emotional Health: Respect and acceptance for individuals regardless of gender, sexual orientation, disability, ethnicity, socioeconomic background, religion, and/or culture provide a foundation for the prevention and resolution of conflict.</p> <p>2.2.12 Effective interpersonal communication encompasses respect and acceptance for individuals regardless of gender, sexual orientation, disability, ethnicity, socioeconomic background, religion, and/or culture.</p> |



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They are skilled at interacting with others; they are active listeners and speak clearly and with purpose. Career-ready individuals think about the audience for their communication and prepare accordingly to ensure the desired outcome.

CRP6. Demonstrate creativity and innovation. Career-ready individuals regularly think of ideas that solve problems in new and different ways, and they contribute those ideas in a useful and productive manner to improve their organization. They can consider unconventional ideas and suggestions as solutions to issues, tasks or problems, and they discern which ideas and suggestions will add greatest value. They seek new methods, practices, and ideas from a variety of sources and seek to apply those ideas to their own workplace. They take action on their ideas and understand how to bring innovation to an organization.

CRP7. Employ valid and reliable research strategies. Career-ready individuals are discerning in accepting and using new information to make decisions, change practices or inform strategies. They use reliable research process to search for new information. They evaluate the validity of sources when considering the use and adoption of external information or practices in their workplace situation.

CRP8. Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them. Career-ready individuals readily recognize problems in the workplace, understand the nature of the problem, and devise effective plans to solve

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the problem. They are aware of problems when they occur and take action quickly to address the problem; they thoughtfully investigate the root cause of the problem prior to introducing solutions. They carefully consider the options to solve the problem. Once a solution is agreed upon, they follow through to ensure the problem is solved, whether through their own actions or the actions of others.

CRP9. Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management. Career-ready individuals consistently act in ways that align personal and community-held ideals and principles while employing strategies to positively influence others in the workplace. They have a clear understanding of integrity and act on this understanding in every decision. They use a variety of means to positively impact the directions and actions of a team or organization, and they apply insights into human behavior to change others' action, attitudes and/or beliefs. They recognize the near-term and long-term effects that management's actions and attitudes can have on productivity, morals and organizational culture

CRP11. Use technology to enhance productivity. Career-ready individuals find and maximize the productive value of existing and new technology to accomplish workplace tasks and solve workplace problems. They are flexible and adaptive in acquiring new technology. They are proficient with ubiquitous technology applications. They understand the inherent risks-personal and organizational-of technology applications, and they take actions to prevent or mitigate these risks.

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| <p>CRP12. Work productively in teams while using cultural global competence. Career-ready individuals positively contribute to every team, whether formal or informal. They apply an awareness of cultural difference to avoid barriers to productive and positive interaction. They find ways to increase the engagement and contribution of all team members. They plan and facilitate effective team meetings.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Modifications and Accommodations</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p><b>Special Education Students</b><br/>         Guided notes<br/>         Graphic organizers<br/>         Audio for reading (LearningAlly)<br/>         Jigsaw strategies<br/>         Scaffolded assessments<br/>         Choice projects<br/>         Lexile appropriate differentiated material<br/>         Modeled writing/sentence starters<br/>         Additional as designated per student</p>             | <p><b>English Language Learners</b><br/>         Google Translate<br/>         Duolingo<br/>         NewsELA (lower Lexile level)<br/>         ELL Holt McDougal supplement</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p><b>Students at Risk for Failure</b><br/>         Guided notes<br/>         Graphic organizers<br/>         Audio for reading (LearningAlly)<br/>         Jigsaw strategies<br/>         Scaffolded assessments<br/>         Choice projects<br/>         Lexile appropriate differentiated material<br/>         Modeled writing/sentence starters<br/>         Additional as designated per student</p> |
| <p><b>Gifted and Talented Students</b><br/>         Choice projects<br/>         Lesson extensions/application<br/>         Higher level questions<br/>         Lexile appropriate differentiated material<br/>         Extended research/presentation of info to class<br/>         Differentiated resources through online services such as Study Island</p>                                                        | <p><b>Students with a 504 Plan</b><br/>         Guided notes<br/>         Graphic organizers<br/>         Audio for reading (LearningAlly)<br/>         Jigsaw strategies<br/>         Scaffolded assessments<br/>         Choice projects<br/>         Lexile appropriate differentiated material<br/>         Modeled writing/sentence starters<br/>         Additional as designated per student</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Unit Duration: Instructional Days</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>How long will the unit take to complete? 42 days</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| <b>Unit 3: LITERATURE AND NARRATIVE WRITING</b>                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Unit 3 Reading Standards</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Unit 3 Reading Critical Knowledge and Skills</b>                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p>RL.8.1. Cite the textual evidence and <b>make relevant connections</b> that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.</p>                              | <p>RI.8.1. Cite the textual evidence <b>and make relevant connections</b> that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.</p>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Closely read the text</li> <li>● Use strategies: questioning, determining importance, looking for patterns to extract quality evidence to support a claim</li> <li>● Identify and analyze author’s purposeful use of language and literary devices</li> <li>● Make personal connections, make connections to other text, and/or global connections when relevant</li> <li>● Gather evidence from the text to support inferences or explicit meaning</li> <li>● Paraphrase and directly quote evidence from text</li> <li>● Correctly cite evidence</li> <li>● Use evidence from the text to make and check predictions when reading</li> <li>● Read and analyze a variety of literary genres and informational texts</li> <li>● Probe a segment of text in order to study and evaluate its multiple, deeper, and varied meanings</li> <li>● Combine text information and prior knowledge (personal experience and/or previous reading) to create new information in the form of inferences</li> <li>● Refer to the text for support when analyzing and drawing inferences</li> </ul> |
| <p>RL.8.2. Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot; provide an objective summary of the text.</p> | <p>RI.8.2. Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provide a statement of a theme or central idea of a fictional or informational text, based on textual evidence</li> <li>● Analyze the development of the theme or central idea over the course of the fictional or informational text</li> <li>● Analyze how the theme or central idea relates to the characters, setting, and/or plot or important details and facts</li> <li>● Summarize the text objectively, capturing the main ideas</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <p>RL.8.3. Analyze how particular lines of dialogue or incidents in a story or drama propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision.</p>                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Determine how specific events or dialogue significantly impact the development of a story</li> <li>● Determine critical turning points of the plot, analyzing choices made by characters, or examining external and internal conflicts -- all of which build the momentum of the story</li> <li>● Explain the cause/effect result of specific lines or incidents in relation to the story's plot or development</li> <li>● Analyze how particular lines of dialogue or incidents in a story or drama propel the action, provoke a decision, and/or reveal aspects of a character</li> <li>● Explain why the author chose to include the dialogue or incidents</li> <li>● Analyze the impact of the dialogue or incidents on the reader</li> <li>● Evaluate the author's effectiveness in using particular lines of dialogue or incidents to propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision</li> </ul> |
| <p>RL.8.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Demonstrate the ability to determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text (e.g., figurative, connotative, technical)</li> <li>● Provide an analysis of the impact of specific word choice on meaning and/or tone</li> <li>● Identify analogies and allusions</li> <li>● Analyze why the author chose to include specific word choice, including analogies or allusions</li> <li>● Analyze how specific word choice, including analogies and allusions, impacts the reader</li> <li>● Evaluate the effectiveness of the author's choice to use specific word choice</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p>RL.8.5. Compare and contrast the structure of two or more texts and analyze how the differing structure of each text contributes to its meaning and style.</p>                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provide an analysis of how the structure of a specific paragraph in a text, including the role of particular sentences aids in developing and refining a key concept</li> <li>● Provide an analysis of how the structure an author uses to organize a text, including how the major sections contribute to the whole and to an understanding of the topic, aids in developing and refining a key concept</li> <li>● Analyze why the author chose a particular structure</li> <li>● Analyze the impact that the structure choice has on the reader</li> <li>● Evaluate the effectiveness of the structure an author uses to develop and to refine a key concept</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>RL.8.6. Analyze how differences in the points of view of the characters and the audience or reader (e.g., created through the use of dramatic irony) create such effects as suspense or humor.</p>                                                  | <p>RI.8.6. Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author acknowledges and responds to conflicting evidence or viewpoints.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provide a statement of an author's point of view and author's purpose in a fiction and nonfiction text</li> <li>● Determine how one or more differences in the points of view can create bias in fiction and nonfiction text</li> <li>● Explain how the author acknowledges and responds to counterarguments</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze how the author uses literary devices to develop effects such as suspense or humor</li> <li>Analyze the impact of the author’s point of view or purpose choices on the reader</li> <li>Evaluate the effectiveness of the author’s point of view or purpose choices</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>RL.8.7. Evaluate the choices made by the directors or actors by analyzing the extent to which a filmed or live production of a story or drama stays faithful to or departs from the text or script.</p>                                                                                                                                |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess and reflect upon the similarities and differences between text and dramatic productions</li> <li>Reflect upon the similarities and differences between initial understandings derived from the original text and those created from visual interpretation</li> <li>Observe how closely details in the portrayal align with the details in the text that created their initial visual image</li> <li>Analyze the reason behind omission and alterations</li> <li>Identify and analyze the reasons for the artistic choices made by the film or play's director, such as the choice of particular lighting, staging, costuming, and even casting</li> <li>Analyze why directors or actors stay faithful or depart from the text or script</li> <li>Analyze the impact of the actor or director’s choices on the viewer</li> <li>Evaluate the effectiveness of the actor’s or director’s choices to stay faithful or depart from the text or script</li> </ul>                                                                                                                          |
| <p>RL.8.9 Analyze and reflect on (e.g. practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge) how a modern work of fiction draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types from myths, traditional stories, or religious works such as the Bible, including describing how the material is rendered new.</p> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognize that literary themes are timeless</li> <li>Observe how the same theme is presented across multiple texts, particularly in the genres of myths, traditional stories, and religious works</li> <li>Read a variety of texts of varying formats and time periods that all focus around a common literary theme</li> <li>Use various sources of knowledge (e.g. practical knowledge, historical/cultural context, and background knowledge) to analyze and reflect on texts</li> <li>Determine how writers modernize their presentation of a theme while still holding true to the characteristics of that genre.</li> <li>Note specific use of elements such as language, character traits, conflicts, and settings in order to analyze the writer’s approach</li> <li>Analyze why an author chose to draw on elements from myths, traditional stories, or religious words</li> <li>Analyze the impact of the author’s choice to reference elements from earlier works on the reader</li> <li>Evaluate the effectiveness of the author’s choice to reference earlier works</li> </ul> |
| <b>Unit 3 Writing Standards</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  | <b>Unit 3 Writing Critical Knowledge and Skills</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>W.8.3. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.</p>                                                                                                                                                            |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a point of view and context</li> <li>Engage the reader with a story hook</li> <li>Introduce a narrator and/or characters</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| <p>W.8.3.A. Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and point of view and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.</p> <p>W.8.3.B. Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, and reflection, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.</p> <p>W.8.3.C. Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events.</p> <p>W.8.3.D. Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.</p> <p>W.8.3.E. Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically</li> <li>● Use narrative techniques (dialogue, pacing, and description, etc) to develop experiences, events, and/or characters</li> <li>● Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another</li> <li>● Use figurative language to aid in description</li> <li>● Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events</li> <li>● Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events</li> <li>● Clearly convey a conflict and a resolution to the conflict</li> <li>● Apply the narrative plot structure to a real or imagined story</li> <li>● Demonstrate ability to create a context or setting for the story</li> <li>● Develop characters throughout the story</li> </ul> |
| <p>W.8.4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, <b>voice</b>, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Identify defining characteristics of a variety of writing tasks</li> <li>● Utilize strategies to unpack a writing prompt</li> <li>● Write for a specific purpose and audience</li> <li>● Select an appropriate text structure or format for the task</li> <li>● Use language that is precise and powerful to create voice</li> <li>● Create a tone that is appropriate for one’s audience</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>W.8.5. With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Revise and edit intentionally to improve writing</li> <li>● Generate ideas to develop topic</li> <li>● Revise writing with a partner or self-editing checklists</li> <li>● View writing from the vantage point of the audience in order to determine the effectiveness of their words, organization, etc.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>W.8.6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Use technological resources to enhance writing</li> <li>● Use technology to broaden research base</li> <li>● Use evidence found online to support ideas</li> <li>● Give and receive feedback using technology</li> <li>● Seek out authentic publishing opportunities</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p>W.8.7 (Choice). Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Explore inquiry topics through short research projects</li> <li>● Compose student-generated questions focused around areas of interest or content studies</li> <li>● Research and synthesize information from several sources</li> <li>● Develop research questions</li> <li>● Determine keywords or topics for each question</li> <li>● Conduct research and synthesize multiple sources of information</li> <li>● Compose follow-up research questions based on the initial search</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p>W.8.8 (Choice). Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Use search terms effectively</li> <li>● Draw evidence from multiple texts to support thesis</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| <p>source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Assess the credibility and accuracy of each source</li> <li>● Select direct and indirect quotations that relate to the topic as evidence</li> <li>● Follow MLA guidelines to cite direct and indirect quotations</li> <li>● Identify examples of plagiarism in writing</li> <li>● Avoid plagiarism in writing</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>W.8.9 (Choice). Apply <i>grade 8 Reading standards</i> to analyze and comment on fiction or nonfiction (such as themes, patterns, evaluation of arguments and claims and relevance or irrelevance of evidence).</p> <p>W.8.9.A. Apply grade 8 Reading standards to literature (e.g., "Analyze how a modern work of fiction draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types from myths, traditional stories, or religious works such as the Bible, including describing how the material is rendered new").</p> <p>W.8.9.B. Apply grade 8 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced").</p>                                                                                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Identify evidence that supports claims in literary analysis</li> <li>● Incorporate textual evidence into written pieces</li> <li>● Logically connect evidence to claims in writing</li> <li>● Analyze author's use of style and structure</li> <li>● Identify and analyze allusions</li> <li>● Select direct and indirect quotations that relate to the topic as evidence</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>W.8.10. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, <b>metacognition/self correction</b>, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of <b>discipline-specific</b> tasks, purposes, and audiences.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Practice writing in a myriad of situations (journals, dialogues, creative tasks, etc.)</li> <li>● Produce written reflections</li> <li>● Explain stylistic choices made while writing</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p><b>Unit 3 Speaking and Listening Standards</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p><b>Unit 3 Speaking and Listening Critical Knowledge and Skills</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>SL.8.1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.</p> <p>SL.8.1.A. Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.</p> <p>SL.8.1.B. Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.</p> <p>SL.8.1.C. Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.</p> <p>SL.8.1.D. Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Read required texts prior to discussions</li> <li>● Prepare for discussions</li> <li>● Use previous knowledge to expand discussions about a topic</li> <li>● Engage in conversations about grade-appropriate topics and texts</li> <li>● Participate in a variety of rich, structured conversations</li> <li>● Define and identify rules for discussions, including group and individual roles</li> <li>● Model appropriate behavior during discussions</li> <li>● Craft and respond to specific questions based on the topic or text, elaborating when necessary</li> <li>● Reflect on and paraphrase what was discussed</li> <li>● Summarize the ideas expressed</li> </ul> |
| <p>SL.8.2. Analyze the purpose of information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and evaluate the motives (e.g., social, commercial, political) behind its presentation.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Determine the purpose for presenting information in different media and formats</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |



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| SL.8.4. Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Present information using sound, detailed, and relevant evidence in a coherent manner</li> <li>● Use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| SL.8.6. Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. (See grade 8 Language standards 1 and 3 <a href="#">here</a> for specific expectations.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Orally present information, using appropriate speech, in a variety of situations</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Unit 3 Language Standards</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Unit 3 Language Critical Knowledge and Skills</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| L.8.1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.<br>L.8.1.C. Form and use verbs in the indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional, and subjunctive mood.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Identify a variety of verb voices and moods in reading</li> <li>● Correctly use verbs in the active and passive voice, and verbs in the indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional, and subjunctive mood in writing</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| L.8.2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.<br>L.8.2.A. Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.<br>L.8.2.C. Spell correctly.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break</li> <li>● Apply common rules and patterns to spell words correctly</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| L.8.3. Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.<br>L.8.3.A. Use verbs in the active and passive voice and in the conditional and subjunctive mood to achieve particular effects (e.g., emphasizing the actor or the action; expressing uncertainty or describing a state contrary to fact).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Identify verbs used in the active and passive voice and in the conditional and subjunctive mood</li> <li>● Select verbs in various moods to achieve an intentional effect</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| L.8.4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on <i>grade 8 reading and content</i> , choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.<br>L.8.4.A. Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.<br>L.8.4.C. <b>Consult reference materials</b> (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.<br>L.8.4.D. Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Use a combination of context clues, structural clues, and the word’s position and function in a sentence to determine the meaning of unknown words or phrases</li> <li>● Use dictionaries, glossaries, and/or thesauruses to find the pronunciation of a word</li> <li>● Use dictionaries, glossaries, and/or thesauruses to determine the actual meaning of a word or its part of speech</li> <li>● Verify the inferred meaning of a word is the actual meaning by using dictionaries, glossaries, and/or thesauruses</li> <li>● Consult reference materials that are both printed and digital</li> </ul> |
| L.8.5. Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Define and identify figures of speech</li> <li>● Determine the meaning of and purpose of figures of speech in context</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| <p>L.8.5.A. Interpret figures of speech (e.g. verbal irony, puns) in context.<br/>L.8.5.C. Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., bullheaded, willful, firm, persistent, resolute).</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Identify the relationship of words</li> <li>● Clarify words by using the relationship between them</li> <li>● Discern the difference in meaning between closely related words</li> </ul>                                                                          |
| <p>L.8.6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.</p>                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Understand and apply conversational, academic, and domain specific vocabulary</li> <li>● Interpret unknown words and their meanings, using context clues, understanding Greek and Latin roots, and applying grammatical knowledge of function and form</li> </ul> |

**Unit 3: LITERATURE AND NARRATIVE WRITING**

**Rationale:** The Literature and Narrative Writing unit is designed with a focus on the important elements of a story: plot, conflict, characterization, etc. Students will explore these and other essential literary terms through their reading of selected short stories and novels. Students will then apply their understanding of story elements to their own writing, where they will demonstrate the ability to synthesize the various components of a story into an original narrative.

**Essential Questions**

- What can fiction do better than nonfiction? Why?
- How do the characterization, conflict, and plot of a work of nonfiction differ from those of a work of fiction?
- What makes fiction narrative different from other types of writing?
- What are the main characteristics of a short story?
- Who are the likely readers and audience for this form of writing?
- How do I make my story more interesting to my readers?
- What kind of organization could be used for this form of writing?
- What kind of voice would be most effective for this form of writing?
- What role does/can figurative and/or sensory language play in fiction narrative writing?

**District/School Formative Assessment Plan**

**District/School Summative Assessment Plan**

- *Extension Projects (Posters, Organizational Charts)*
- *Text rendering*
- *Metacognition/Self-assessments (Learning Scales)*
- *Google Classroom discussion questions*
- *Socratic Discussion*
- *Jigsaw Groups*
- *Student portfolios*

- *Chapter assessments*
- *Analytical Research*
- *Summative Presentations*
- *MAP Testing*
- *Achieve 3000 Tracking*
- *Link-it! Testing*

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**Alternative Assessments**

| <b>Evaluative Criteria</b>                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Assessment Evidence</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <p><b>Suggested Performance Rubric:</b> Use the following or similar rubric to evaluate students' performance on lesson assessments:</p> <p>4 - Innovating<br/>3 - Applying<br/>2 - Developing<br/>1 - Beginning</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Sample alternate assessments:</b> rather than demonstrate comprehension of literary/text analysis skills in a formal essay or written test, students will be given the opportunity to show their understanding through alternate products and modified forms of whole-class assignments, including Google Slides presentations, podcasts, student created videos, etc.</li> </ul> |

**District/School Texts**

| <b>District/School Texts</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>District/School Supplementary Resources</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <p><i>The Outsiders</i>- SE Hinton (Novel)</p> <p><i>Flowers for Algernon</i> - Daniel Keyes (Short Story)</p> <p><i>The Veldt</i> - Ray Bradbury (Short Story)</p> <p><i>Curse of the Undead</i> - Chuck Rothman (Short Story)</p> <p><i>The Skin I'm In</i> - Sharon G. Flake - (Novel)</p> <p><i>The Giver</i> - Lois Lowry (Novel)</p> <p><i>The Body of Christopher Creed</i> - Carol Plum-Ucci (Novel)</p> <p><i>Checkouts</i> - Cynthia Rylant (Short Story)</p> <p><i>Works of Edgar Allan Poe</i></p> <p><i>Lamb to the Slaughter</i> - Roald Dahl</p> | <p><b>MOVIES:</b></p> <p><i>The Outsiders</i> (1983)</p> <p><i>The Giver</i> (2014)</p> <p><i>Flowers for Algernon</i> (2000)</p> <p><b>ONLINE RESOURCES:</b></p> <p>Achieve 3000</p> <p>NewsELA</p> <p>ReadWorks</p> <p>CommonLit</p> <p>Mentor Texts</p> <p>Core Clicks</p> <p>Education City</p> <p>MobyMax</p> <p>Study Island</p> |

**District/School Writing Tasks**

| <b>Primary Focus:</b>                                                                                                                | <b>Secondary Focus:</b>                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Routine Writing:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Narrative</li> <li>● Literary Research &amp; Analysis</li> <li>● Routine Writing</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Comparing Texts for Informational Analysis</li> <li>● Short answer responses utilizing RACE and quote sandwich method</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Use quick writes with reading selections to address individual feelings and concerns.</li> <li>● Double Entry Notes (Annotations) with reading and poetry selections.</li> <li>● Summarizations</li> </ul> |

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| <p><b><u>Interdisciplinary Connections</u></b></p> <p>(Click on the text above; it is linked to the state website where the information needed for this section can be found)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p><b>Social Studies</b></p> <p>6.1 U.S. History: America in the World: All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically about how past and present interactions of people, cultures, and the environment shape the American heritage. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions that reflect fundamental rights and core democratic values as productive citizens in local, national, and global communities.</p> <p>6.2 World History/Global Studies: All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically and systematically about how past interactions of people, cultures, and the environment affect issues across time and cultures. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions as socially and ethically responsible world citizens in the 21st century.</p> <p>6.3 Active Citizenship in the 21st Century: All students will acquire the skills needed to be active, informed citizens who value diversity and promote cultural understanding by working collaboratively to address the challenges that are inherent in living in an interconnected world.</p> | <p><b>Science</b></p> <p>5.1.4.A.1 Demonstrate understanding of the interrelationships among fundamental concepts in the physical, life, and Earth systems sciences.</p>                                          | <p><b>Visual and Performing Arts</b></p> <p>Standard 1.2 History of the Arts and Culture: All students will understand the role, development, and influence of the arts throughout history and across cultures.</p>                |
| <p><b>21st Century Skills/Career Education</b></p> <p>CRP2. Apply appropriate academic and technical skills. Career-ready individuals readily access and use the knowledge and skills acquired through experience and education to be more productive.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p><b>Technology</b></p> <p>8.1.12.A.2 Produce and edit a multi-page digital document for a commercial or professional audience and present it to peers and/or professionals in that related area for review.</p> | <p><b>Health and Physical Education</b></p> <p>2.1.12 Social and Emotional Health: Respect and acceptance for individuals regardless of gender, sexual orientation, disability, ethnicity, socioeconomic background, religion,</p> |

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| <p>They make connections between abstract concepts with real-world applications, and they make correct insights about when it is appropriate to apply the use of an academic skill in a workplace situation</p> <p>CRP4. Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason. Career-ready individuals communicate thoughts, ideas, and action plans with clarity, whether using written, verbal, and/or visual methods. They communicate in the workplace with clarity and purpose to make maximum use of their own and others' time. They are excellent writers; they master conventions, word choice, and organization, and use effective tone and presentation skills to articulate ideas. They are skilled at interacting with others; they are active listeners and speak clearly and with purpose. Career-ready individuals think about the audience for their communication and prepare accordingly to ensure the desired outcome.</p> <p>CRP6. Demonstrate creativity and innovation. Career-ready individuals regularly think of ideas that solve problems in new and different ways, and they contribute those ideas in a useful and productive manner to improve their organization. They can consider unconventional ideas and suggestions as solutions to issues, tasks or problems, and they discern which ideas and suggestions will add greatest value. They seek new methods, practices, and ideas from a variety of sources and seek to apply those ideas to their own workplace. They take action on their ideas and understand how to bring innovation to an organization.</p> | <p>8.1.12.A.3 Collaborate in online courses, learning communities, social networks or virtual worlds to discuss a resolution to a problem or issue.</p> <p>8.1.12.D.1 Demonstrate appropriate application of copyright, fair use and/or Creative Commons to an original work.</p> <p>8.1.12.D.2 Evaluate consequences of unauthorized electronic access (e.g., hacking) and disclosure, and on dissemination of personal information</p> <p>8.1.12.E.1 Produce a position statement about a real world problem by developing a systematic plan of investigation with peers and experts synthesizing information from multiple sources.</p> | <p>and/or culture provide a foundation for the prevention and resolution of conflict.</p> <p>2.2.12 Effective interpersonal communication encompasses respect and acceptance for individuals regardless of gender, sexual orientation, disability, ethnicity, socioeconomic background, religion, and/or culture.</p> |
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CRP7. Employ valid and reliable research strategies. Career-ready individuals are discerning in accepting and using new information to make decisions, change practices or inform strategies. They use reliable research process to search for new information. They evaluate the validity of sources when considering the use and adoption of external information or practices in their workplace situation.

CRP8. Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them. Career-ready individuals readily recognize problems in the workplace, understand the nature of the problem, and devise effective plans to solve the problem. They are aware of problems when they occur and take action quickly to address the problem; they thoughtfully investigate the root cause of the problem prior to introducing solutions. They carefully consider the options to solve the problem. Once a solution is agreed upon, they follow through to ensure the problem is solved, whether through their own actions or the actions of others.

CRP9. Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management. Career-ready individuals consistently act in ways that align personal and community-held ideals and principles while employing strategies to positively influence others in the workplace. They have a clear understanding of integrity and act on this understanding in every decision. They use a variety of means to positively impact the directions and actions of a team or organization, and they apply insights into human

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| <p>behavior to change others' action, attitudes and/or beliefs. They recognize the near-term and long-term effects that management's actions and attitudes can have on productivity, morals and organizational culture</p> <p>CRP11. Use technology to enhance productivity. Career-ready individuals find and maximize the productive value of existing and new technology to accomplish workplace tasks and solve workplace problems. They are flexible and adaptive in acquiring new technology. They are proficient with ubiquitous technology applications. They understand the inherent risks-personal and organizational-of technology applications, and they take actions to prevent or mitigate these risks.</p> <p>CRP12. Work productively in teams while using cultural global competence. Career-ready individuals positively contribute to every team, whether formal or informal. They apply an awareness of cultural difference to avoid barriers to productive and positive interaction. They find ways to increase the engagement and contribution of all team members. They plan and facilitate effective team meetings.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Modifications and Accommodations</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p><b>Special Education Students</b><br/>         Guided notes<br/>         Graphic organizers<br/>         Audio for reading (LearningAlly)<br/>         Jigsaw strategies<br/>         Scaffolded assessments<br/>         Choice projects</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p><b>English Language Learners</b><br/>         Google Translate<br/>         Duolingo<br/>         NewsELA (lower Lexile level)<br/>         ELL Holt McDougal supplement</p> | <p><b>Students at Risk for Failure</b><br/>         Guided notes<br/>         Graphic organizers<br/>         Audio for reading (LearningAlly)<br/>         Jigsaw strategies<br/>         Scaffolded assessments<br/>         Choice projects</p> |

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| Lexile appropriate differentiated material<br>Modeled writing/sentence starters<br>Additional as designated per student                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Lexile appropriate differentiated material<br>Modeled writing/sentence starters<br>Additional as designated per student |
| <b>Gifted and Talented Students</b><br>Choice projects<br>Lesson extensions/application<br>Higher level questions<br>Lexile appropriate differentiated material<br>Extended research/presentation of info to class<br>Differentiated resources through online services such as Study Island | <b>Students with a 504 Plan</b><br>Guided notes<br>Graphic organizers<br>Audio for reading (LearningAlly)<br>Jigsaw strategies<br>Scaffolded assessments<br>Choice projects<br>Lexile appropriate differentiated material<br>Modeled writing/sentence starters<br>Additional as designated per student |                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Unit Duration: Instructional Days</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                         |
| How long will the unit take to complete? 42 days                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                         |

| <b>Unit 4: HISTORICAL AND CLASSIC READING</b>                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Unit 4 Reading Standards</b>                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Unit 4 Reading Critical Knowledge and Skills</b>                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| RL.8.1. Cite the textual evidence and <b>make relevant connections</b> that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. | RI.8.1. Cite the textual evidence <b>and make relevant connections</b> that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Closely read the text</li> <li>● Use strategies: questioning, determining importance, looking for patterns to extract quality evidence to support a claim</li> <li>● Identify and analyze author’s purposeful use of language and literary devices</li> <li>● Make personal connections, make connections to other text, and/or global connections when relevant</li> <li>● Gather evidence from the text to support inferences or explicit meaning</li> <li>● Paraphrase and directly quote evidence from text</li> <li>● Correctly cite evidence</li> <li>● Use evidence from the text to make and check predictions when reading</li> <li>● Read and analyze a variety of literary genres and informational texts</li> <li>● Probe a segment of text in order to study and evaluate its multiple, deeper, and varied meanings</li> <li>● Combine text information and prior knowledge (personal experience and/or previous reading) to create new information in the form of inferences</li> <li>● Refer to the text for support when analyzing and drawing inferences</li> </ul> |



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| <p>RL.8.2. Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot; provide an objective summary of the text.</p>                         | <p>RI.8.2. Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.</p>                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provide a statement of a theme or central idea of a fictional or informational text, based on textual evidence</li> <li>● Analyze the development of the theme or central idea over the course of the fictional or informational text</li> <li>● Analyze how the theme or central idea relates to the characters, setting, and/or plot or important details and facts</li> <li>● Summarize the text objectively, capturing the main ideas</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>RL.8.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.</p> | <p>RI.8.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Demonstrate the ability to determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text (e.g., figurative, connotative, technical)</li> <li>● Provide an analysis of the impact of specific word choice on meaning and/or tone</li> <li>● Identify analogies and allusions</li> <li>● Analyze why the author chose to include specific word choice, including analogies or allusions</li> <li>● Analyze how specific word choice, including analogies and allusions, impacts the reader</li> <li>● Evaluate the effectiveness of the author’s choice to use specific word choice</li> </ul>                                                                                       |
| <p>RL.8.5. Compare and contrast the structure of two or more texts and analyze how the differing structure of each text contributes to its meaning and style.</p>                                                                                      | <p>RI.8.5. Analyze <b>the structure an author uses to organize</b> a specific paragraph in a text, including the role of particular sentences, to develop and to refine a key concept.</p>                                                                         | <p>RL.8.5:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provide an analysis of how the structure of a specific paragraph in a text, including the role of particular sentences aids in developing and refining a key concept</li> <li>● Provide an analysis of how the structure an author uses to organize a text, including how the major sections contribute to the whole and to an understanding of the topic, aids in developing and refining a key concept</li> <li>● Determine why the author chose a particular structure</li> <li>● Analyze the impact that the structure choice has on the reader</li> <li>● Evaluate the effectiveness of the structure an author uses to develop and to refine a key concept</li> </ul> |
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| <p>RL.8.6. Analyze how differences in the points of view of the characters and the audience or reader (e.g., created through the use of dramatic irony) create such effects as suspense or humor.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>RI.8.6. Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author acknowledges and responds to conflicting evidence or viewpoints.</p>                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provide a statement of an author's point of view and author's purpose in a fiction and nonfiction text</li> <li>● Determine how one or more differences in the points of view can create bias in fiction and nonfiction text</li> <li>● Explain how the author acknowledges and responds to counterarguments</li> <li>● Analyze how the author uses literary devices to develop effects such as suspense or humor</li> <li>● Analyze the impact of the author's point of view or purpose choices on the reader</li> <li>● Evaluate the effectiveness of the author's point of view or purpose choices</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>RL.8.10. By the end of the year read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems at grade level <b>text-complexity</b> (see Appendix A) or above, scaffolding as needed.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p>RI.8.10. By the end of the year read and comprehend literary nonfiction (see Appendix A) at grade level <b>text-complexity</b> (see Appendix A) or above, with scaffolding as needed.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Determine difficulties in comprehending and making meaning</li> <li>● Apply appropriate strategies in order to increase comprehension when encountering difficult text</li> <li>● Encounter appropriately complex texts at each grade level in order to develop the mature language skills and the conceptual knowledge needed for success in school and life</li> <li>● Encounter the text with minimal clarifications</li> <li>● Discern more from and make fuller use of text</li> <li>● Make an increasing number of connections among ideas and between texts</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p><b>Unit 4 Writing Standards</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p><b>Unit 4 Writing Critical Knowledge and Skills</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>W.8.2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.</p> <p>W.8.2.A. Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information <b>using text structures</b> (e.g., <b>definition, classification, comparison/contrast, cause/effect, etc.</b>) and <b>text features</b> (e.g., <b>headings, graphics, and multimedia</b>).</p> <p>W.8.2.B. Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.</p> <p>W.8.2.C. Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.</p> <p>W.8.2.D. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.</p> <p>W.8.2.E. Establish and maintain a formal style.</p> <p>W.8.2.F. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Focus writing on thoroughly describing or explaining a topic</li> <li>● Identify the defining elements of this specific writing genre</li> <li>● Explore topics from their content area classes</li> <li>● Write an introduction that clearly outlines ideas to follow</li> <li>● Organize ideas and information using text structures and text features</li> <li>● Write a thesis statement</li> <li>● Select facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples</li> <li>● Use transitional words and phrases</li> <li>● Choose specific vocabulary and language</li> <li>● Develop and use a consistent style, approach and form for the task</li> <li>● Write a conclusion to close the ideas in the text</li> <li>● Create language that is appropriate to one's audience and a formal tone</li> </ul> |
| <p>W.8.4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, <b>voice</b>, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Identify defining characteristics of a variety of writing tasks</li> <li>● Utilize strategies to unpack a writing prompt</li> <li>● Write for a specific purpose and audience</li> <li>● Select an appropriate text structure or format for the task</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| W.8.5. With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Revise and edit intentionally to improve writing</li> <li>● Generate ideas to develop topic</li> <li>● Revise writing with a partner or self-editing checklists</li> <li>● View writing from the vantage point of the audience in order to determine the effectiveness of their words, organization, etc.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                            |
| W.8.6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Use technological resources to enhance writing</li> <li>● Use technology to broaden research base</li> <li>● Use evidence found online to support ideas</li> <li>● Give and receive feedback using technology</li> <li>● Seek out authentic publishing opportunities</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| W.8.7 (Choice). Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Explore inquiry topics through short research projects</li> <li>● Compose student-generated questions focused around areas of interest or content studies</li> <li>● Research and synthesize information from several sources</li> <li>● Develop research questions</li> <li>● Determine keywords or topics for each question</li> <li>● Conduct research and synthesize multiple sources of information</li> <li>● Compose follow-up research questions based on the initial search</li> </ul> |
| W.8.8 (Choice). Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Use search terms effectively</li> <li>● Draw evidence from multiple texts to support thesis</li> <li>● Assess the credibility and accuracy of each source</li> <li>● Select direct and indirect quotations that relate to the topic as evidence</li> <li>● Follow MLA guidelines to cite direct and indirect quotations</li> <li>● Identify examples of plagiarism in writing</li> <li>● Avoid plagiarism in writing</li> </ul>                                                                 |
| W.8.9 (Choice). Apply <i>grade 8 Reading standards</i> to analyze and comment on fiction or nonfiction (such as themes, patterns, evaluation of arguments and claims and relevance or irrelevance of evidence).<br>W.8.9.A. Apply grade 8 Reading standards to literature (e.g., "Analyze how a modern work of fiction draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types from myths, traditional stories, or religious works such as the Bible, including describing how the material is rendered new").<br>W.8.9.B. Apply grade 8 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced"). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Identify evidence that supports claims in literary analysis</li> <li>● Incorporate textual evidence into written pieces</li> <li>● Logically connect evidence to claims in writing</li> <li>● Analyze author’s use of style and structure</li> <li>● Identify and analyze allusions</li> <li>● Select direct and indirect quotations that relate to the topic as evidence</li> </ul>                                                                                                            |
| W.8.10. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, <b>metacognition/self correction</b> , and revision) and shorter time frames (a single                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Practice writing in a myriad of situations (journals, dialogues, creative tasks, etc.)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| <p>sitting or a day or two) for a range of <b>discipline-specific</b> tasks, purposes, and audiences.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Produce written reflections</li> <li>● Explain stylistic choices made while writing</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p><b>Unit 4 Speaking and Listening Standards</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p><b>Unit 4 Speaking and Listening Critical Knowledge and Skills</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p>SL.8.1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.</p> <p>SL.8.1.A. Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.</p> <p>SL.8.1.B. Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.</p> <p>SL.8.1.C. Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.</p> <p>SL.8.1.D. Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Read required texts prior to discussions</li> <li>● Prepare for discussions</li> <li>● Use previous knowledge to expand discussions about a topic</li> <li>● Engage in conversations about grade-appropriate topics and texts</li> <li>● Participate in a variety of rich, structured conversations</li> <li>● Define and identify rules for discussions, including group and individual roles</li> <li>● Model appropriate behavior during discussions</li> <li>● Craft and respond to specific questions based on the topic or text, elaborating when necessary</li> <li>● Reflect on and paraphrase what was discussed</li> <li>● Summarize the ideas expressed</li> </ul> |
| <p>SL.8.2. Analyze the purpose of information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and evaluate the motives (e.g., social, commercial, political) behind its presentation.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Determine the purpose for presenting information in different media and formats</li> <li>● Interpret the presenter's purpose in conveying the information using particular media and formats</li> <li>● Analyze the impact that the use of particular media and formats has on the audience</li> <li>● Evaluate the effectiveness of the presenter's media and format choices</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>SL.8.5. Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Incorporate multimedia and visual displays into presentations</li> <li>● Analyze the impact that these multimedia and visual displays will have on the reader</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>SL.8.6. Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. (See grade 8 Language standards 1 and 3 <a href="#">here</a> for specific expectations.)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Orally present information, using appropriate speech, in a variety of situations.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p><b>Unit 4 Language Standards</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p><b>Unit 4 Language Critical Knowledge and Skills</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>L.8.1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.</p> <p>L.8.1.D. Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Identify verbs in reading and writing pieces</li> <li>● Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>L.8.2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.</p> <p>L.8.2.C. Spell correctly.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Apply common rules and patterns to spell words correctly</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| <p>L.8.4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on <i>grade 8 reading and content</i>, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.</p> <p>L.8.4.A. Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.</p> <p>L.8.4.B. Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., precede, recede, secede).</p> <p>L.8.4.C. Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.</p> <p>L.8.4.D. Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Use a combination of context clues, structural clues, and the word's position and function in a sentence to determine the meaning of unknown words or phrases</li> <li>● Determine the meaning of commonly used prefixes and suffixes</li> <li>● Separate a base word from the prefix or suffix</li> <li>● Use the definition of known prefixes and suffixes to define new words</li> <li>● Identify root words in unknown words</li> <li>● Use known root words to aid in defining unknown words</li> <li>● Use dictionaries, glossaries, and/or thesauruses to find the pronunciation of a word</li> <li>● Use dictionaries, glossaries, and/or thesauruses to determine the actual meaning of a word or its part of speech</li> <li>● Verify the inferred meaning of a word is the actual meaning by using dictionaries, glossaries, and/or thesauruses</li> <li>● Consult reference materials that are both printed and digital</li> </ul> |
| <p>L.8.6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Understand and apply conversational, academic, and domain specific vocabulary</li> <li>● Interpret unknown words and their meanings, using context clues, understanding Greek and Latin roots, and applying grammatical knowledge of function and form</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

**Unit 4: HISTORICAL AND CLASSIC READING**

**Rationale:** This unit will allow students to engage with some of the most influential canonical texts in literature, as well as works that exist within a specific historical era. In addition to novels, students can also explore other classic modes of literature such as drama, poetry, etc. Students will be expected to write informative and explanatory pieces in which they investigate specific aspects of their readings, such as historical time periods, relevant biographical information about authors/subjects, and so forth. Classes will also engage in Socratic discussions or class debates about issues raised in their readings and writings.

**Essential Questions**

- What makes characters in historical fiction believable?
- Why do characters do what they do and feel how they feel?
- What are the details that make a story seem realistic?
- Why can readers see their own life in some stories?
- What can a reader learn from reading historical fiction?
- What strategies could you use to see the world through the eyes of others?
- What makes poetry different from other literary genres?
- What are the main characteristics of poetry and description?

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| District/School Formative Assessment Plan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | District/School Summative Assessment Plan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Extension Projects (Posters, Organizational charts)</i></li> <li>● <i>Text rendering</i></li> <li>● <i>Metacognition/Self-assessments (Learning Scales)</i></li> <li>● <i>Google Classroom discussion questions</i></li> <li>● <i>Socratic Discussion</i></li> <li>● <i>Jigsaw Groups</i></li> <li>● <i>Student portfolios</i></li> <li>● <i>“Hot Seat” Character Role Playing</i></li> </ul>                                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Explanatory Essay on influence of work in a larger context</i></li> <li>● <i>Debate</i></li> <li>● <i>Socratic Seminar</i></li> <li>● <i>Oral Presentation</i></li> <li>● <i>Create videos</i></li> <li>● <i>Create podcasts</i></li> <li>● <i>Google Slideshow/Powerpoint</i></li> <li>● <i>Newspaper Articles</i></li> <li>● <i>Timeline</i></li> <li>● <i>Final Reading Assessment</i></li> <li>● <i>LinkIt!</i></li> <li>● <i>Achieve 3000</i></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                  |
| Alternative Assessments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Evaluative Criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Assessment Evidence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p><b>Suggested Performance Rubric:</b> Use the following or similar rubric to evaluate students’ performance on lesson assessments:</p> <p>4 - Innovating:<br/>3 - Applying:<br/>2 - Developing<br/>1- Beginning</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Sample alternate assessments:</b> rather than demonstrate comprehension of literary/text analysis skills in a formal essay or written test, students will be given the opportunity to show their understanding through alternate products and modified forms of whole-class assignments, including Google Slides presentations, podcasts, student created videos, etc.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| District/School Texts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | District/School Supplementary Resources                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p><i>House of the Scorpion - Nancy Farmer (Novel)</i></p> <p><i>Ashes of Rose- MJ Auch (Novel)</i></p> <p><i>Literature Circle Choice Books:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>The Boy in the Striped Pajamas - John Boyne</i></li> <li>● <i>Milkweed - Jerry Spinelli</i></li> <li>● <i>To Kill a Mockingbird - Harper Lee</i></li> <li>● <i>Fahrenheit 451 - Ray Bradbury</i></li> <li>● <i>Where the Red Fern Grows - Wilson Rawls</i></li> <li>● <i>The Pigman - Paul Zindel</i></li> </ul> | <p><b>Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)</b><br/><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8FHRhH9k-PY&amp;t=187s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8FHRhH9k-PY&amp;t=187s</a></p> <p><b>The Story of Dolly the Sheep</b><br/><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tELZEPcgKkE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tELZEPcgKkE</a></p> <p><b>How to Run a Middle School Debate</b><br/><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yi6Im-Sb6Vw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yi6Im-Sb6Vw</a></p> <p><b>Top Banned Books</b><br/><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0NSYn7mnETo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0NSYn7mnETo</a></p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i> - Anne Frank</li> <li>● <i>Lord of the Flies</i> - William Golding</li> <li>● <i>Shooting Kabul</i> - N.H. Senzai</li> <li>● <i>Chu Ju's House</i> - Gloria Whelan</li> <li>● <i>Flags of War</i> - John Alexander Wilson</li> <li>● <i>My Brother Sam is Dead</i> - James Lincoln Collier</li> <li>● <i>The Wave</i> - Todd Strasser</li> <li>● <i>Navajo Long Walk</i> - Nancy M. Armstrong</li> <li>● <i>Dragonwings</i> - Lawrence Yep</li> <li>● <i>Things Fall Apart</i> - Chinua Achebe</li> <li>● <i>The Last of the Mohicans</i> - James Fenimore Cooper</li> <li>● <i>Fever 1793</i> - Laurie Halse Anderson</li> </ul> <p><i>Selected poems and dramatic excerpts - All districts</i></p> | <p><b>The Great Depression Rap</b><br/><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fFu7us6bNSQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fFu7us6bNSQ</a></p> <p><b>A Virtual Tour of Ellis Island</b><br/><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5rredHTyKaQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5rredHTyKaQ</a></p> <p><b>Black Tuesday</b><br/><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RJpLMvgUXe8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RJpLMvgUXe8</a></p> <p><b>Jim Crow Laws</b><br/><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ChWXyeUTKg8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ChWXyeUTKg8</a></p> <p><b>Scottsboro Trials</b><br/><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d3Rq44quZdw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d3Rq44quZdw</a></p> <p><b>Rediscovered book by Harper Lee promises new story of Scout</b><br/><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ghx3VDoNoTM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ghx3VDoNoTM</a></p> <p><b>MOVIES:</b><br/><i>The Boy in the Striped Pajamas</i> (2008)<br/><i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> (1962)<br/><i>Fahrenheit 451</i> (2018)<br/><i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i> (2003)<br/><i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i> (2010)<br/><i>Lord of the Flies</i> (1990)</p> <p><b>ONLINE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:</b><br/><i>Achieve 3000</i><br/><i>NewsELA</i><br/><i>ReadWorks</i><br/><i>CommonLit</i><br/><i>Mentor Texts</i><br/><i>Core Clicks</i><br/><i>Education City</i><br/><i>MobyMax</i><br/><i>Study Island</i></p> |
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**District/School Writing Tasks**

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| <p><b>Primary Focus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Expository/Research</i></li> </ul> | <p><b>Secondary Focus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Argumentative</i></li> </ul> | <p><b>Routine Writing:</b></p> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Routine Writing</i></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Comparing Texts for Informational Analysis</i></li> <li>● <i>Short answer responses utilizing RACE and quote sandwich</i></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Use quick writes with reading selections to address individual feelings and concerns.</i></li> <li>● <i>Double Entry Notes (Annotations) with reading and poetry selections.</i></li> <li>● <i>Summarizations</i></li> <li>● <i>Journal topics</i></li> <li>● <i>RACE (Restate, Answer, Cite, Elaborate)</i></li> </ul> |
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**[Interdisciplinary Connections](#)**

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| <p><b>Social Studies</b></p> <p>6.1 U.S. History: America in the World: All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically about how past and present interactions of people, cultures, and the environment shape the American heritage. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions that reflect fundamental rights and core democratic values as productive citizens in local, national, and global communities.</p> <p>6.2 World History/Global Studies: All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically and systematically about how past interactions of people, cultures, and the environment affect issues across time and cultures. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions as socially and ethically responsible world citizens in the 21st century.</p> <p>6.3 Active Citizenship in the 21st Century: All students will acquire the skills needed to be active,</p> | <p><b>Science</b></p> <p>5.1.4.A.1 Demonstrate understanding of the interrelationships among fundamental concepts in the physical, life, and Earth systems sciences.</p> | <p><b>Visual and Performing Arts</b></p> <p>Standard 1.2 History of the Arts and Culture: All students will understand the role, development, and influence of the arts throughout history and across cultures.</p> |
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| <p>informed citizens who value diversity and promote cultural understanding by working collaboratively to address the challenges that are inherent in living in an interconnected world.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p><b>21st Century Skills/Career Education</b></p> <p>CRP2. Apply appropriate academic and technical skills. Career-ready individuals readily access and use the knowledge and skills acquired through experience and education to be more productive. They make connections between abstract concepts with real-world applications, and they make correct insights about when it is appropriate to apply the use of an academic skill in a workplace situation</p> <p>CRP4. Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason. Career-ready individuals communicate thoughts, ideas, and action plans with clarity, whether using written, verbal, and/or visual methods. They communicate in the workplace with clarity and purpose to make maximum use of their own and others' time. They are excellent writers; they master conventions, word choice, and organization, and use effective tone and presentation skills to articulate ideas. They are skilled at interacting with others; they are active listeners and speak clearly and with purpose. Career-ready individuals think about the audience for their communication and prepare accordingly to ensure the desired outcome.</p> <p>CRP6. Demonstrate creativity and innovation. Career-ready individuals regularly think of ideas that solve problems in new and different ways, and they contribute those ideas in a useful and productive manner to improve their organization. They can consider unconventional ideas and</p> | <p><b>Technology</b></p> <p>8.1.12.A.2 Produce and edit a multi-page digital document for a commercial or professional audience and present it to peers and/or professionals in that related area for review.</p> <p>8.1.12.A.3 Collaborate in online courses, learning communities, social networks or virtual worlds to discuss a resolution to a problem or issue.</p> <p>8.1.12.D.1 Demonstrate appropriate application of copyright, fair use and/or Creative Commons to an original work.</p> <p>8.1.12.D.2 Evaluate consequences of unauthorized electronic access (e.g., hacking) and disclosure, and on dissemination of personal information</p> <p>8.1.12.E.1 Produce a position statement about a real world problem by developing a systematic plan of investigation with peers and experts synthesizing information from multiple sources.</p> | <p><b>Health and Physical Education</b></p> <p>2.1.12 Social and Emotional Health: Respect and acceptance for individuals regardless of gender, sexual orientation, disability, ethnicity, socioeconomic background, religion, and/or culture provide a foundation for the prevention and resolution of conflict.</p> <p>2.2.12 Effective interpersonal communication encompasses respect and acceptance for individuals regardless of gender, sexual orientation, disability, ethnicity, socioeconomic background, religion, and/or culture.</p> |

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suggestions as solutions to issues, tasks or problems, and they discern which ideas and suggestions will add greatest value. They seek new methods, practices, and ideas from a variety of sources and seek to apply those ideas to their own workplace. They take action on their ideas and understand how to bring innovation to an organization.

CRP7. Employ valid and reliable research strategies. Career-ready individuals are discerning in accepting and using new information to make decisions, change practices or inform strategies. They use reliable research process to search for new information. They evaluate the validity of sources when considering the use and adoption of external information or practices in their workplace situation.

CRP8. Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them. Career-ready individuals readily recognize problems in the workplace, understand the nature of the problem, and devise effective plans to solve the problem. They are aware of problems when they occur and take action quickly to address the problem; they thoughtfully investigate the root cause of the problem prior to introducing solutions. They carefully consider the options to solve the problem. Once a solution is agreed upon, they follow through to ensure the problem is solved, whether through their own actions or the actions of others.

CRP9. Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management. Career-ready individuals consistently act in ways that align personal and community-held ideals and principles while

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| <p>employing strategies to positively influence others in the workplace. They have a clear understanding of integrity and act on this understanding in every decision. They use a variety of means to positively impact the directions and actions of a team or organization, and they apply insights into human behavior to change others' action, attitudes and/or beliefs. They recognize the near-term and long-term effects that management's actions and attitudes can have on productivity, morals and organizational culture</p> <p>CRP11. Use technology to enhance productivity. Career-ready individuals find and maximize the productive value of existing and new technology to accomplish workplace tasks and solve workplace problems. They are flexible and adaptive in acquiring new technology. They are proficient with ubiquitous technology applications. They understand the inherent risks-personal and organizational-of technology applications, and they take actions to prevent or mitigate these risks.</p> <p>CRP12. Work productively in teams while using cultural global competence. Career-ready individuals positively contribute to every team, whether formal or informal. They apply an awareness of cultural difference to avoid barriers to productive and positive interaction. They find ways to increase the engagement and contribution of all team members. They plan and facilitate effective team meetings.</p> |                                                                                                            |                                                                                    |
| <b>Modifications and Accommodations</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                            |                                                                                    |
| <p><b>Special Education Students</b><br/>Guided notes<br/>Graphic organizers</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p><b>English Language Learners</b><br/>Google Translate<br/>Duolingo<br/>NewsELA (lower Lexile level)</p> | <p><b>Students at Risk for Failure</b><br/>Guided notes<br/>Graphic organizers</p> |

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| <p>Audio for reading (LearningAlly)<br/>Jigsaw strategies<br/>Scaffolded assessments<br/>Choice projects<br/>Lexile appropriate differentiated material<br/>Modeled writing/sentence starters<br/>Additional as designated per student</p>                                                               | <p>ELL Holt McDougal supplement</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>Audio for reading (LearningAlly)<br/>Jigsaw strategies<br/>Scaffolded assessments<br/>Choice projects<br/>Lexile appropriate differentiated material<br/>Modeled writing/sentence starters<br/>Additional as designated per student</p> |
| <p><b>Gifted and Talented Students</b><br/>Choice projects<br/>Lesson extensions/application<br/>Higher level questions<br/>Lexile appropriate differentiated material<br/>Extended research/presentation of info to class<br/>Differentiated resources through online services such as Study Island</p> | <p><b>Students with a 504 Plan</b><br/>Guided notes<br/>Graphic organizers<br/>Audio for reading (LearningAlly)<br/>Jigsaw strategies<br/>Scaffolded assessments<br/>Choice projects<br/>Lexile appropriate differentiated material<br/>Modeled writing/sentence starters<br/>Additional as designated per student</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Unit Duration: Instructional Days</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>How long will the unit take to complete? 42 days</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |