



OFFICE OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code	1520	Department	English/Language Arts		
Course Title	Language Arts 8 GATE				
Short Title	Lang Arts 8 GATE	Grade Level	8	Credits/Semester	10
Course Length	1 Year	Required	Yes	Elective	
Prerequisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This is a one period course. ▪ Students are GATE identified or in a GATE cluster and are designated at the Core/Extended level (at or above grade level reading) according to guidelines in the California Reading Language Arts Framework. 				
Teacher Certification	Teacher has: Single Subject English credential				

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The English/Language Arts program for grade 8 is balanced and comprehensive. The language arts processes of reading, writing, listening, and speaking are taught in an integrated and inter-related manner. Course components include the study of rich and varied literature; writing in the genres of narrative, persuasive, expository, and response to literature; direct instruction in language arts skills and strategies, including vocabulary development, spelling, and grammar; a balance of oral and written and language activities; and on-going diagnosis and assessment.

GOALS: (Students needs the course is intended to meet)

Students will:

- Write effectively in each of the genres for a variety of purposes and audiences.
- Read and respond thoughtfully to a wide variety of literary and expository texts at increasingly more challenging levels.
- Apply comprehension strategies to actively engage with text.
- Continue to focus on word recognition strategies and fluency.
- Demonstrate proficiency of academic language through reading, writing, speaking and listening.
- Master the skills necessary for passing district/state requirements.
- Become proficient lifelong readers and writers.
- Continue to apply Language Arts to everyday life.
- Develop an interest in pursuing advanced studies in Language Arts and develop an awareness of the vast array of Language Arts related career choices.

CONTENT STANDARDS:

Word Analysis, Fluency, and Systematic Vocabulary Development

- 1.1 Analyze idioms, analogies, metaphors, and similes to infer the literal and figurative meanings of phrases. (CST, CAHSEE)
- 1.2 Understand the most important points in the history of the English language and use common word origins to determine the historical influences on English word meanings. (CST)
- 1.3 Use word meanings within the appropriate context and show ability to verify those meanings by definition, restatement, example, comparison, or contrast. (CST, CAHSEE)

Reading Comprehension

- 2.1 Compare and contrast the features and elements of consumer materials to gain meaning from documents (e.g., warranties, contracts, product information, instruction manuals). (CST, CAHSEE)
- 2.2 Analyze text that uses proposition and support patterns. (CST, CAHSEE)
- 2.3 Find similarities and differences between texts in the treatment, scope, or organization of ideas. (CST)
- 2.4 Compare the original text to a summary to determine whether the summary accurately captures the main ideas, includes critical details, and conveys the underlying meaning. (CST, CAHSEE)
- 2.5 Understand and explain the use of a complex mechanical device by following technical directions. (CST)
- 2.6 Use information from a variety of consumer, workplace, and public documents to explain a situation or decision and solve a problem. (CST, CAHSEE)
- 2.7 Evaluate the unity, coherence, logic, internal consistency, and structural patterns of text. (CST, CAHSEE)

Literary Response and Analysis

- 3.1 Determine and articulate the relationship between the purposes and characteristics of different forms of poetry (e.g., ballad, lyric, couplet, epic, elegy, ode, sonnet). (CST, CAHSEE)
- 3.2 Evaluate the structural elements of the plot (e.g., subplots, parallel episodes, climax), the plot's development, and the way in which conflicts are (or are not) addressed and resolved.
- 3.3 Compare and contrast motivations and reactions of literary characters from different historical eras confronting similar situations or conflicts. (CST, CAHSEE)
- 3.4 Analyze the relevance of the setting (e.g., place, time, customs) to the mood, tone, and meaning of the text. (CST, CAHSEE)
- 3.5 Identify and analyze recurring themes (e.g., good versus evil) across traditional and contemporary works. (CST, CAHSEE)
- 3.6 Identify significant literary devices (e.g., metaphor, symbolism, dialect, irony) that define a writer's style and use those elements to interpret the work. (CST, CAHSEE)
- 3.7 Analyze a work of literature, showing how it reflects the heritage, traditions, attitudes, and beliefs of its author. (Biographical approach) (CST, CAHSEE)

Writing Strategies

- 1.1 Create compositions that establish a controlling impression, have a coherent thesis, and end with a clear and well-supported conclusion. (CST, CAHSEE)
- 1.2 Establish coherence within and among paragraphs through effective transitions, parallel structures, and similar writing techniques. (CST)
- 1.3 Support theses or conclusions with analogies, paraphrases, quotations, opinions from authorities, comparisons, and similar devices. (CST)
- 1.4 Plan and conduct multiple-step information searches by using computer networks and modems. (CAHSEE)
- 1.5 Achieve an effective balance between researched information and original ideas. (CAHSEE)
- 1.6 Revise writing for word choice; appropriate organization; consistent point of view; and transitions between paragraphs, passages, and ideas. (CST, CAHSEE)

Writing Applications (Genres and Their Characteristics)

- 2.1 Write biographies, autobiographies, short stories, or narratives:
 - a. Relate a clear, coherent incident, event, or situation by using well-chosen details. (CAHSEE)
 - b. Reveal the significance of, or the writer's attitude about the subject.
 - c. Employ narrative and descriptive strategies (e.g., relevant dialogue, specific action, physical description, background description, comparison or contrast of characters). (CAHSEE)
- 2.2 Write responses to literature:
 - a. Exhibit careful reading and insight in their interpretations. (CAHSEE)
 - b. Connect the student's own responses to the writer's techniques and to specific textual references. (CAHSEE)

- c. Draw supported inferences about the effects of a literary work on its audience.
 - d. Support judgments through references to the text, other works, other authors, or to personal knowledge. (CAHSEE)
- 2.3 Write research reports:
- a. Define a thesis. (CAHSEE)
 - b. Record important ideas, concepts, and direct quotations from significant information sources and paraphrase and summarize all perspectives on the topic, as appropriate. (CAHSEE)
 - c. Use a variety of primary and secondary sources and distinguish the nature and value of each. (CAHSEE)
 - d. Organize and display information on charts, maps, and graphs.
- 2.4 Write persuasive compositions:
- a. Include a well-defined thesis (i.e., one that makes a clear and knowledgeable judgment). (CAHSEE)
 - b. Present detailed evidence, examples, and reasoning to support arguments, differentiating between facts and opinion. (CAHSEE)
 - c. Provide details, reasons, and examples, arranging them effectively by anticipating and answering reader concerns and counterarguments. (CAHSEE)
- 2.5 Write documents related to career development, including the simple business letters and job applications:
- a. Present information purposefully and succinctly and meet the needs of the intended audience. (CAHSEE)
 - b. Follow the conventional format for the type of document (e.g., letter of inquiry, memorandum). (CAHSEE)
- 2.6 Write technical documents:
- a. Identify the sequence of activities needed to design a system, operate a tool, or explain the bylaws of an organization. (CAHSEE)
 - b. Include all the factors and variables that need to be considered. (CAHSEE)
 - c. Use formatting techniques (e.g., heading, differing fonts) to aid comprehension. (CAHSEE)

Written and Oral English Language Conventions

- 1.1 Use correct and varied sentence types and sentence openings to present a lively and effective personal style. (CST, CAHSEE)
- 1.2 Identify and use parallelism, including similar grammatical forms, in all written discourse to present items in a series and items juxtaposed for emphasis. (CST, CAHSEE)
- 1.3 Use subordination, coordination, apposition, and other devices to indicate clearly the relationship between ideas. (CST, CAHSEE)
- 1.4 Edit written manuscripts to ensure that correct grammar is used: (CST, CAHSEE)
- 1.5 Use correct punctuation and capitalization: (CST)
- 1.6 Use correct spelling conventions. (CST)

Listening and Speaking

- 1.1 Analyze oral interpretations of literature, including language choice and delivery, and the effect of the interpretations on the listener.
- 1.2 Paraphrase a speaker's purpose and point of view and ask relevant questions concerning the speaker's content, delivery, and purpose.
- 1.3 Organize information to achieve particular purposes by matching the message, vocabulary, voice modulation, expression, and tone to the audience and purpose.
- 1.4 Prepare a speech outline based upon a chosen pattern of organization, which generally includes an introduction, transitions, previews, and summaries; a logically developed body; and an effective conclusion.
- 1.5 Use precise language, action verbs, sensory details, appropriate and colorful modifiers, and the active rather than the passive voice in ways that enliven oral presentations.
- 1.6 Use appropriate grammar, word choice, enunciation, and pace during formal presentations.
- 1.7 Use audience feedback (e.g., verbal and nonverbal cues):

- a. Reconsider and modify the organizational structure or plan.
- b. Rearrange words and sentences to clarify the meaning.
- 1.8 Evaluate the credibility of a speaker (e.g., hidden agendas, slanted or biased material).
- 1.9 Interpret and evaluate the various ways in which visual image makers (e.g., graphic artists, illustrators, news photographers) communicate information and affect impressions and opinions.

Speaking Applications (Genres and Their Characteristics)

- 2.1 Deliver narrative presentations (e.g., biographical, autobiographical):
 - a. Relate a clear, coherent incident, event, or situation by using well-chosen details.
 - b. Reveal the significance of, and the subject’s attitude about, the incident, event, or situation.
 - c. Employ narrative and descriptive strategies (e.g., relevant dialogue, specific action, physical description, background description, comparison or contrast of characters).
- 2.2 Deliver oral responses to literature:
 - a. Interpret a reading and provide insight.
 - b. Connect the students’ own responses to the writer’s techniques and to specific textual references.
 - c. Draw supported inferences about the effects of literary work on its audience.
 - d. Support judgments through references to the text, other works, other authors, or personal knowledge.
- 2.3 Deliver research presentations:
 - a. Define a thesis.
 - b. Record important ideas, concepts, and direct quotations from significant information sources and paraphrase and summarize all relevant perspectives on the topic,, as appropriate.
 - c. Use a variety of primary and secondary sources and distinguish the nature and value of each.
 - d. Organize and record information on charts, maps, and graphs.
- 2.4 Deliver persuasive presentations:
 - a. Include a well-defined thesis (i.e., one that makes a clear and knowledgeable judgment).
 - b. Differentiate fact from opinion and support arguments with detailed evidence, examples, and reasoning.
 - c. Anticipate and answer listener concerns and counterarguments effectively through the inclusion and arrangement of details, reasons, examples, and other elements.
 - d. Maintain a reasonable tone.
- 2.5 Recite poems (of four to six stanzas), sections of speeches, or dramatic soliloquies, using voice modulation, tone, and gestures expressively to enhance the meaning.

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS:

The California State Board of Education has identified the following performance levels for the California Content Standards Test in English/Language Arts. The objective of Long Beach Unified School District is to have all students achieve at or above the Proficient Performance Standard (Level).

	Advanced Proficient	Proficient	Basic	Below Basic	Far Below Basic
%	100% - 80%	79% - 65%	64% - 44%	43% - 32%	Less than 31%
Scaled Score	More than 393	393 - 350	349 - 300	299 - 268	Less than 268

The Long Beach Unified School District has established criteria for students to succeed. In addition to assessments such as tests, quizzes, and projects, students must be proficient in the areas listed below to receive a **C** or better in this course.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

	Advanced Proficient	Proficient		Basic	Below Basic	Far Below Basic
	A	B	C	D	F	
End of Course Exam	100-80%	79-65%		64-45%	44-33%	30-0%
Mid-Term	100-80%	79-65%		64-45%	44-31%	30-0%
Cluster Assessments	36-40 Points correct out of a possible 40	35-32 points correct out of a possible 40	31-28 points correct out of a possible 40	27-24 points correct out of a possible 40	23-16 points out of a possible 40	15-0 points out of a possible 40
Writing Portfolio At least 5 essays (one each) in the required genres	All essays are completed and the majority of the essays receive a 4/4 in rhetoric and conventions	All essays are completed and the average score is a 3/3 in rhetoric and conventions	All or most essays are completed with an average score of 3/3 in rhetoric and conventions	All or most essays are completed with an average score of 2/2 in rhetoric and conventions	Few essays are completed OR essays completed have an average score of 1/1 in rhetoric and conventions	
Completion of Daily Assignments	90-100% of daily class assignments are complete and the majority receive a √ +	80-89% of daily class assignments are completed and the majority receive a √ +	70-79% of daily class assignments are completed and most receive a √	Under 69% of daily class assignments are completed and/or most receive a √ -		
Independent Reading	20 minutes of outside reading is completed everyday from a variety of genres/ Or one 150 page book each month	20 minutes of outside reading is completed most days from a variety of genres	20 minutes of outside reading is completed more than 70% of the time	20 minutes of outside reading is completed between 50-60% of the time	20 minutes of outside reading is completed between 30-49% of the time	20 minutes of outside reading is completed between 0-29% of the time

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Year at a Glance

	<p>Unit 1: Narratives Traditional: Sept. 14 – Nov. 13 Mod. Trad. : Sept. 14 – Nov. 13 Track B: Sept. 14 – Nov. 13</p>	<p>Unit 2: Nonfiction Traditional: Nov. 16 – Feb. 5 Mod. Trad. : Nov. 16 – Feb. 12 Track B: Nov. 16 – Mar. 5</p> <p>Mid-Term (Trad/Mod. Trad: Jan 12-14; Trk B: Jan 19 – 21)</p>	<p>Unit 3: Novel/Poetry Traditional: Feb. 9 – Apr. 16 Mod. Trad. : Feb. 16 – Apr. 30 Track B: Mar. 8 – May 28</p> <p>STAR Writing: Mar. 2 (all calendars)</p>	<p>Novel/ Unit of Teacher Choice Traditional: April 19 – June 17 Mod. Trad. : May 3 – June 24 Track B: June 1 – July 23</p> <p>STAR Testing: Trad Apr. 26-May 21; Mod. Trad: May 3 – 28; Trk B (June 2 – 30) EOC: Trad May 24 – June 11; Mod Trad June 1 -24; Trk B July 1 - 23</p>
<p>Grade 6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements of Fiction • Writing: Narrative <p>Assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cluster 8 Theme (Lit Anal/Rdg Comp) <i>Key Standards tested: Lit. Anal.3.3, 3.6,3.8</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of nonfiction, text structure, persuasion, research • Writing: Expository • Research skills • Functional Texts (completing applications; following directions) • Mid-term given (date TBD) <p>Assessments :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cluster 11 Persuasion <i>Key standards tested: Rdg, Comp. 2.6, 2.7, Lit. Anal 3.8</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core novel: review elements of fiction • Poetry • History Through Literature • Writing: Response to Literature <p>Assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cluster 3 Poetry/Cluster 9 History Through Literature (Lit. Anal/Rdg. Com) <i>Key standards tested: Rdg. Comp: 2.0, 2.2, 2.3, Lit. Anal 3.1, 3.3, 3.4, 3.7</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic reading • Teacher choice: novel, teacher unit • Review for standardized tests • Writing: Persuasive
<p>Grade 7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements of Fiction • Writing: Narrative <p>Assessments :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cluster 5 Theme (Lit. Anal/Rdg Comp) <i>Key Standards tested: Lit. Anal.3.1, 3.2,3.4</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of nonfiction, text structure, persuasion, research • Functional Texts (documents and directions) • Writing: Expository • Research skills <p>Assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cluster 9 Persuasion (Lit. Anal. and Rdg. Comp) <i>Key standards tested: Rdg. Comp. 2.4, 2.6</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core novel: review elements of fiction • Poetry/ History Through Literature • Writing: Response to Literature <p>Assessments :</p> <p>Cluster 3 Poetry/Cluster 9 History Through Literature(Lit. Anal/Rdg. Com) <i>Key standards tested: Word Anal., 1.1, Rdg. Comp: 2.0, 2.1, 2.3,2.6, Lit. Anal 3.0, 3.1</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher choice: novel, teacher unit • Review for standardized tests • Writing: Persuasive
<p>Grade 8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements of Fiction • Writing: Narrative <p>Assessments :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cluster 8 Theme (Lit. Anal/Rdg Comp) <i>Key Standards tested: Lit. Anal.3.5, 3.7</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of nonfiction, persuasion, research • Functional Texts (career documents) • Writing: Career Research Task • Research skills <p>Assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cluster 11 Persuasion (Lit. Anal. and Rdg. Comp) <i>Key standards tested: Rdg. Comp. 2.2, 2.6, 2.7</i> • Mid-Term (Trad/Mod. Trad: Jan 12-14; Trk B: Jan 19 – 21) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core novel: review elements of fiction • Poetry/ History Through Literature • Writing: Response to Literature • Author Study (suggested) <p>Assessments :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cluster 4 Poetry/Cluster 9 History Through Literature(Lit. Anal/Rdg. Com) <i>Key standards tested: Rdg. Comp: 2.0, 2.3, Lit. Anal 3.1, 3.6, 3.7</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher choice: novel, teacher unit • Review for standardized tests • Writing: Persuasive
	<p>DATA COLLECTION DEADLINES (see principal for exact date to turn in data)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nov. 12 – 17 Theme Cluster (rdg. comp/lit. analysis) 	<p>DATA COLLECTION DEADLINES (see principal for exact date to turn in data)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dec 10 – 15 Narrative (rhetoric/conventions) • Jan 7-12: Persuasion Cluster Feb 2 – 9 Gr. 6, 7: Expository (rhetoric/conventions); Gr. 8: Career Task (rhetoric/conventions) 	<p>DATA COLLECTION DEADLINES (see principal for exact date to turn in data)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mar 2- 9 Mid-term data 	<p>DATA COLLECTION DEADLINES (see principal for exact date to turn in data)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 5 – 11 Response to Literature (rhetoric/conventions) AND • Poetry cluster/History Through Literature Cluster (rdg. comp/literary analysis)

2009-2010 RECOMMENDED PACING LANGUAGE OF LITERATURE GRADE 8**UNIT 1: Narrative (taken from Cluster 1 Fiction; Cluster 5 character and setting; Cluster 6 Plot, Cluster 7: Mood and Tone; Cluster 8 Theme).**

Unit Description: This unit addresses forms and characteristics of fiction. Students will read to understand the text structure of various forms of fiction and the elements of fiction; write a multiple paragraph narrative essay, use context clues and shades of meaning to clarify word meanings, identify and write simple, complex, compound, and compound-complex sentences.

CONTENT STANDARDS , STUDENT OUTCOMES, REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS**Boldface = content standard****Unbold = student outcomes****# = Multiple items on CST****1.0 Word Analysis/Vocabulary**

1.1 Analyze idioms, analogies, metaphors, and similes to infer the literal and figurative meanings of phrases. *Students will ...*

Read idioms, analogies, metaphors and similes, explain the literal meanings of those phrases and explain the figurative meanings of the phrases.

1.2 Understand the most important points in the history of English language and use common word origins to determine the historical influences on English word meanings. *Students will...*

Discuss important points in the history of the English language. Explain the impact of the historical influences on English word meanings.

#1.3 Use word meanings within the appropriate context and show ability to verify those meanings by definition, restatement, example, comparison, or contrast. *Students will...*

Search for clues in phrases, sentences, paragraphs to determine the appropriate context for a given word's meaning.

Determine if the clue was one of definition, restatement, example, comparison, or contrast.

3.0 Literary Response and Analysis

#3.2 Evaluate the structural elements of the plot (e.g., subplots, parallel episodes, climax), the plot's development, and the way in which conflicts are (or are not) addressed and resolved. *Students will...*

Identify the elements of plot; analyze and evaluate their development in a story; evaluate the way in which conflicts are (or are not) addressed and resolved.

#3.3 Compare and contrast motivations and reactions of literary characters from different historical eras confronting similar situations or conflicts. *Students will...*

Read stories about characters from different historical eras facing similar situations and conflicts. Compare and contrast the motivations and reactions of the characters given their similar situations or conflicts.

3.0 Literary Response and Analysis**Continued**

#3.4 Analyze the relevance of the setting (e.g., place, time, customs) to the mood, tone, and meaning of the text. *Students will...*

Identify settings in the text. Determine the mood, tone, meaning in the text. Explain the relevance of the setting to the mood, tone, and meaning of the text.

#3.5 Identify and analyze recurring themes (e.g., good versus evil) across traditional and contemporary works. *Students will...* Read traditional and contemporary works with similar themes. Analyze how the differences in time periods, style, events contribute to the similar themes.

#3.6 Identify significant literary devices (e.g., metaphor, symbolism, dialect, irony) that define a writer's style and use those elements to interpret the work. *Students will...* Identify the literary devices an author uses in a work. Explain how the author's use of these elements contribute to the meaning of the work.

#3.7 Literary Criticism: analyze a work of literature, showing how it reflects the heritage, traditions, attitudes, and beliefs of its author (Biographical Approach) *Students will...* Explain how the tone of a work, author's use of language, author's anecdotes, characterization or theme of a work reflect the heritage, traditions, attitudes and beliefs of its author.

1.0 Writing Strategies/2.0 Writing Applications

#1.1 Create compositions that establish a controlling impression, have a coherent thesis, and end with a clear and well-supported conclusion.

#1.2 Establish coherence within and among paragraphs through effective transitions, parallel structures, and similar writing techniques.

#1.6 Revising writing for word choice; appropriate organization; consistent point of view; and transitions between paragraphs, passages, and ideas.

2.0 Writing Applications

2.1 Students will write biographies, autobiographies, short stories or narratives.

Written and Oral Conventions**1.0 Written Oral Language Conventions**

Students will correctly use...

1.1 Varied sentence types and sentence openings to present a lively and effective personal style.

Written and Oral Conventions**1.0 Written Oral Language Conventions (continued)**

Students will correctly use...

#1.5 Correct punctuation and capitalization.

#1.3 Use subordination, coordination, apposition, and other devices to indicate clearly the relationship between ideas.

1.0 Listening/2.0 Speaking

1.5 Use precise language, action verbs, sensory detail, appropriate and colorful modifiers, and the active rather than the passive voice

2.1 Deliver narrative presentations

Spelling Concepts

Students will correctly spell:

- Words with ate, ion
- Words with ance, ence, ent
- Words with al and suffixes
- Words with final-y plus suffixes

Grammar and Mechanics

Students will recognize and write...

- Complete sentences
- Compound sentences
- Complex sentences

Students will correctly use...

- Quotation marks in dialogue
- End punctuation
- Transitions
- Conjunctions
- Capitalization and other appropriate punctuation
- Adjectives
- Appositives
- Subject/verb agreement

Required Assessments

- Daily, weekly on-going checks for understanding (e.g. exit slips, learning logs, quizzes, other vocabulary, literary, grammar, spelling, or mechanics tasks)
- **Writing folder : Narrative**
- **Cluster 8 : Theme (rdg. comp/lit. analysis)**

Data Collection/Deadlines

(see principal for exact date to turn in data)

Nov. 12 – 17: Cluster 8 Theme (rdg. comp/lit. analysis)

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UNIT 1 NARRATIVE: VOCABULARY OF THE DISCIPLINE AND TEACHING RESOURCES

(Note: The resources listed are suggestions. Teachers may choose other resources as needed to accomplish the goals of the unit.)

VOCABULARY OF THE DISCIPLINE	WORD ANALYSIS	READING COMP. & LITERARY ANALYSIS	WRITING AND CONVENTIONS
<p>Word Analysis Analogy Context Clues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restatement Definition Comparison/contrast General Sentence Paragraph <p>Idiom Metaphor Simile</p> <p>Literary Analysis Anecdote Antagonist Author attitude Author belief Biographical Approach Character Character motivation Character traits Climax Conflict Customs Dialect Dynamic character Exposition External conflict Falling action Fiction Heritage Internal conflict Irony Literary devices Major characters Minor characters Mood Narrative Narrator Novel Parallel episodes Plot Plot line Point of View Protagonist Recurring themes Resolution Rising Action Setting Short Story Speaker Static character Symbolism Tone Traditions</p> <p>Writing and Conventions Concrete language Complex sentence Compound sentence Compound-complex sentence Coordination of ideas Dialogue Fragment vs. run-on sentence Point of view Simple sentence Subject and predicate Subordination of ideas Suspense</p>	<p>Vocabulary <i>Vocabulary and Spelling Book</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Context clues, pp. 1-12 Prefixes, base words, roots, pp. 13-30 Denotation/connotation, pp. 45-46 Similes and metaphors, pp. 51-52; also <i>LOL, T.E.</i>, p. 192 Analogies, p. 69 <p>Affixes -a -able/-ible -anti -ate -ation be- co- counter- -cy de- dis- -en -ence, -ance -er -est -for -ful -fy hood- hyper- il- im, in inter- ir- -ize -less -like -ly mal- mis- mono-\multi omni post- re- semi- some Sub- Super- Trans- Un- -ward -wise -worthy</p> <p>Roots - continued hydro ject lot man mem/ment meter metry naut not (note) opti, opto phon port pseudo sens, sent spec stat thermo typos vert, ver voc</p> <p>Roots agon aud chron cred doc gen gram graph</p>	<p>Core Program Teaching ideas may be found in the teacher notes in the <i>Language of Literature T.E., Interactive Reader T.E., and the Universal Access Resource Book</i></p> <p><i>Language of Literature 8</i> Fiction, p. 17, 329, 439, 621, 827 Protagonist/Antagonist p. 148</p> <p>“Checkouts” p. 22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Character motivation Major/minor characters Compare/contrast motivations <p>“Raymond’s Run,” p. 32</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> plot cause/effect plot structure conflict <p>“Stop The Sun” p. 48</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme Recurring Themes <p>“The Treasure of Lemon Brown” p. 334</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dynamic and static characters Compare motivations Setting, mood, tone <p>“The Diary of Anne Frank, p.447</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plot, Subplot, flashback <p>Strategic/ELD Support <i>Interactive Reader</i>, gr.8 “Raymond’s Run,” p. 2 “Diary of Anne Frank, p. 447 “Treasure of Lemon Brown,” p. 144</p> <p><i>Bridges</i> “Two Were Left” p. 216 (motivation) “The Stolen Party,” p. 282 (theme) “Cinder Edna,” p. 14 (characterization)</p> <p>Assessment Resources In addition to teacher-made assessments, these resources may be helpful:</p> <p>CST released items</p> <p><i>Unit Resource Book One:</i> P.7-13 (“Checkouts,”) p. 14-20 (“Raymond’s Run”) P. 23-29 (“Stop The Sun”) <i>Unit Resource Book Two:</i> p. 54-75 (“Anne Frank”) <i>Unit Resource Book Three:</i> p. 4-10 (“Lemon Brown”)</p> <p>See Standards Manager for unpacking standards and re-teaching ideas, pp. 191 – 249</p>	<p>Writing Narratives <i>Language of Literature</i>, Grade 8 (autobiographical incident) p. 174 (narrative writing) R43</p> <p><i>Writing Transparencies</i>, pp. 9, 15 (Transitions)</p> <p><i>Unit Resource Book One</i> Autobiographical Incident, p. 92.</p> <p><i>Unit Resource Book Two</i> Character sketch p. 55</p> <p><i>District Writing Guide</i></p> <p><i>CST released writing samples</i></p> <p>Spelling <i>Spelling and Vocabulary Book</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ate, p. 8 ion, p.97 ance, ence, ent, p.113 al + suffixes, p. 111 final -y + suffixes, p. 109 <p>Grammar, Mechanics and Usage <i>Grammar, Usage, Mechanics</i> Blackline Masters Book</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete sentences, p. 1-3 Compound sentences, p.151 End punctuation, p.190 Quotation Marks, p. 199 Conjunctions, p.133 Subject/verb agreement, pp. 163-172 Adjectives, p. 106-112 Subject-verb agreement, p. 163-169 <p><i>Language of Literature : Grammar Handbook</i> (back of text)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complex sentences, p. R83, R85; also p. 727 Appositives, R96, 98 <p><i>Language Network</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete sentences, p. 4-33 Compound sentences, p. 189-191 Complex sentences, p. 192-193 Quotations, p.258-274 Semicolons, p. 189, 204 Conjunctions, p. 158-160 Appositives, p. 48-255 Adjectives, p. 126-133 Transitions, p. 351-364, 373

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UNIT 2: NONFICTION (taken from Cluster 2: Types of Nonfiction; Cluster 10 Research Reports; Cluster 11 Persuasion; Cluster 12 Technical and Career Documents)

Unit Description: This unit addresses types of nonfiction, elements of persuasion, research strategies and functional texts. Students will read nonfiction, discuss persuasive techniques, write persuasive essays, write a career research report, examine career and technical documents and work on improving sentence structure.

CONTENT STANDARDS, STUDENT OUTCOMES, REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS

Boldface = content standard; underline = student outcomes; # = multiple items on CST

1.0 Word Analysis/Vocabulary
1.1 Analyze idioms, analogies, metaphors, and similes to infer the literal and figurative meanings of phrases.
Students will ...
 Read idioms, analogies, metaphors and similes, explain the literal meanings of those phrases and explain the figurative meanings of the phrases.
1.2 Understand the most important points in the history of English language and use common word origins to determine the historical influences on English word meanings.
Students will...
 Discuss important points in the history of the English language. Explain the impact of the historical influences on English word meanings.
1.3 Use word meanings within the appropriate context and show ability to verify those meanings by definition, restatement, example, comparison, or contrast.
Students will...
 Search for clues in phrases, sentences, paragraphs to determine the appropriate context for a given word's meaning. Determine if the clue was one of definition, restatement, example, comparison, or contrast.

2.0 Reading Comprehension
#2.1 Compare and contrast the features and elements of consumer materials to gain meaning from documents (e.g., warranties, contracts, product information, instruction manuals)
*Students will...*Read a variety of consumer documents. Demonstrate an understanding of the purpose and contents of the document. Compare and contrast the features of the document. Explain how the features help with meaning.
#2.2 Analyze text that uses proposition and support patterns *Students will...*Read and demonstrate understanding of text using the proposition and support patterns. Analyze the features of texts using proposition and support patterns.
#2.3 Find similarities and differences between texts in the treatment, scope, or organization of ideas. *Students will...* Compare and contrast texts by examining treatment of topics, genre, author purpose, themes or main idea, organizational patters.

2.0 Reading Comprehension (cont'd)
#2.4 Compare the original text to a summary to determine whether the summary accurately captures the main ideas, includes critical details, and conveys the underlying meaning. *Students will...*Read an original expository text and a summary of the same text to determine main idea, supporting details and meaning. Compare the summary to the original; evaluate how well the summary captures the main ideas supporting details and underlying meaning of the original text.
#2.5 Understand and explain the use of a complex mechanical device by following technical directions...*Students will...*Read and demonstrate understanding of technical directions for mechanical devices.
#2.6 Use information from a variety of consumer, workplace, and public documents to explain a situation or decision or two solve a problem. *Students will...*Read and demonstrate understanding of information contained in a variety of consumer documents; use the information to explain a situation, decision, or to solve a problem.
#2.7 Expository Critique: Evaluate the unity, coherence, logic, internal consistency, and structural patterns of text. *Students will...* Read expository text and demonstrate an understanding of the main ideas in the text; identify the unity, coherence, structural patterns of the text; determine the effectiveness of these elements.

1.0 Writing Strategies
Writing Essays
Students will...
#1.1 Organization and focus: create compositions that establish a controlling impression, have a coherent thesis, and end with a clear and well-supported conclusion.
#1.2 Organization and Focus: establishes coherence within and among paragraphs through effective transitions, parallel structures, and similar writing techniques.
#1.3 Organization and Focus: support theses or conclusions with analogies, paraphrases, quotations, opinions from authorities, comparisons, and similar devices.
#1.5 Research and Technology: achieve an effective balance between researched information and original ideas.
#1.6 Evaluation and Revision: revise writing for word choice; appropriate organization; consistent point of view; and transitions between paragraphs, passages, and ideas.
2.0 Writing Applications
2.3 Write research reports

2.0 Writing Applications (continued)
 2.5 Write career documents.
 2.6 Write technical documents.

1.0 Written and Oral English Conventions
Students will correctly use...
 1.2 Identify and use parallelism in all written discourse.
 1.4 Edit written manuscripts to ensure that correct grammar is used.
 1.5 Use correct punctuation and capitalization.
 1.6 Use correct spelling

1.0 Listening
Students will...
1.2 Paraphrase a speakers purpose.
1.3 Organize information to achieve particular purposes
1.8 Evaluate the credibility of a speaker.
1.9 Evaluate and interpret the various ways in which visual image makers communicate information.

2.0 Speaking Applications
2.3 Deliver research presentations

Spelling Concepts
Students will correctly spell...

- Words with qu ph, gh
- Words ending in -ible/-able

Grammar and Mechanics
Students will correctly use...

- Verbs and verb tenses
- Parallelism
- Coordination, subordination compound-complex sentence

Required Assessments

- Daily, weekly on-going checks for understanding (e.g. exit slips, learning logs, quizzes, other vocabulary, literary , grammar, spelling, or mechanics tasks)
- **Writing folder: Career Research Task**
- **Cluster 11: Persuasion (rdg. comp/ lit. analysis)**
- **Mid-term: Trad/Mod Trad: Jan 12 – 14; Trk B Jan 19 -21**

Data Collection/Deadlines
(see principal for exact date to turn in data)
Dec. 10 – 15: Narrative (rhetoric and conventions)
Jan. 7 – 12: Cluster 11: Persuasion (rdg. comp./lit. analysis)
Feb. 2 – 9: Career task (rhetoric and conv.)

NONFICTION
Trad: Nov. 16 – Feb. 5
Mod.Trad: Nov. 16 – Nov. 12
TrkB: Nov. 16-March 5

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UNIT 2 NONFICTION: VOCABULARY OF THE DISCIPLINE AND TEACHING RESOURCES

(Note: The resources listed are suggestions. Teachers may choose other resources as needed to accomplish the goals of the unit.)

VOCABULARY OF THE DISCIPLINE	WORD ANALYSIS	READING Comp. & LITERARY ANALYSIS	WRITING AND CONVENTIONS
<p><u>Word Analysis</u></p> <p><u>Reading Comprehension: Nonfiction</u></p> <p>Anecdote Assertion Author conclusions Author evidence Author’s perspective Author purpose Autobiography Bandwagon Bibliography Biography Cause/effect organization Claims Chronological Order Circular reasoning Comparison/contrast organization Either/or Expository Fact Informative article Interview Main Idea/supporting details organization Memoir Opinion Outline Overgeneralizations Propaganda Prose Snob appeal Spatial order Summary Text structure Unsupported inferences</p> <p><u>Writing and Conventions</u></p> <p>Apostrophe Clause Compound words Conclusion (in essay writing) Contraction Coordination of ideas Homograph, homonym, homophone Lead Nouns (types of nouns) Phrase Subordination of ideas Thesis</p>	<p><u>Vocabulary</u> <i>Vocabulary and Spelling Book</i></p> <p><u>Affixes</u></p> <p>-a -able/-ible -anti -ate -ation be- co- counter- -cy de- dis- -en -ence, -ance -er -est -for -ful -fy hood- hyper- il- im, in inter- ir- -ize -less -like -ly mal- mis- mono-\multi omni post- re- semi- some Sub- Super- Trans- Un- -ward -wise -worthy</p> <p><u>Roots</u></p> <p>agon aud chron cred doc gen gram graph</p>	<p><u>Core Program</u> Teaching ideas may be found in the teacher notes in the <i>Language of Literature T.E., Interactive Reader T.E., and the Universal Access Resource Book</i></p> <p><i>Language of Literature 8</i> Nonfiction, p. 101 “Reading for Information,” p. R4-R10 “Critical Reading: Persuasion,” p. R11-14 “Functional Reading,” pp R15-19 “The Great Rat Hunt,” p. 106</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memoir • Main idea • Unity and coherence • Author background <p>“Flying”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anecdote • Author Purpose • Main idea/supporting details • Patterns of organization • Comparison of texts <p>“Still Me,” p. 374/“Speech,” p. 380</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate credibility <p>“The Enormous Crocodile,” p. 571</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following directions • Features and elements of consumer directions <p>“Careers That Care,” p. 386</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research questions • Resume <p>Career Handbook, R58-63</p> <p><u>Strategic/ELD Support</u> <i>Interactive Reader</i> N/A</p> <p><u>Bridges</u> “Growing Up in Darkness”, p. 304</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memoir <p>“Acceptance”, p. 294</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anecdote <p>“Cesar Chavez” p. 60</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Point of view <p><u>Assessment Resources</u> In addition to teacher-made assessments, these resources may be helpful: CST released items</p> <p>In addition.... <i>Unit Resource Book One</i> p. 54-60 (“Great Rat Hunt”) p.61-67 (“Flying”) <i>Unit Resource Book Three</i> p. 22-30 (“Careers That Care”) <i>Unit Resource Book Four</i> p. 18-19 (“Enormous Crocodile”)</p> <p>See Standards Manager for unpacking standards and re-teaching ideas, pp. 191 – 249</p>	<p><u>Nonfiction Writing</u> <i>Language of Literature 8</i> Research Workshop p.818 Persuasive Writing, P. R49 Technical Writing, P. R56</p> <p><i>Writing Transparencies</i>, pp. Research, pp. 41-56.</p> <p><i>District Writing Guide</i></p> <p><i>CST Released writing samples</i></p> <p><u>Spelling</u> <i>Spelling and Vocabulary Book</i> qu, p. 135 ph, gh, p. 137 ible/able, p. 113</p> <p><u>Grammar, Mechanics and Usage</u> <i>Grammar, Usage Mechanics</i> Blackline Masters Book</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbs and verb tenses, p. 91-103 • Compound-complex sentences, p. 160 • Coordination/subordination , p. 154-159 <p><i>Language of Literature, Grammar Handbook</i> parallelism, p R91</p> <p>Parallelism, p. R91</p> <p><i>Language Network</i> Verbs and verb tenses, pp. 90-123 Compound-complex sentences p. 198-199 Coordination, p. 189 Subordination, p. 192-194</p>

NOVEL/POETRY
Trad: Feb. 9 – Apr. 16
Mod. Trad: Feb. 16-April 30
TrkB: March 8-May 28

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UNIT 3: NOVEL and POETRY (taken from Cluster 4 Poetry; Cluster 5: Author Style;
Cluster 9: History Through Literature)

Unit Description: This unit reviews the elements of fiction as applied to a novel and introduces students to the ways tone and meaning are conveyed in poetry. Students will write Response to Literature essays, read and analyze poetry, read a novel. Teachers may choose to do a research task related to the novel study.

CONTENT STANDARDS , STUDENT OUTCOMES, REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS

Boldface = content standard unbold = student outcomes # = multiple items on CST

1.0 Word Analysis/Vocabulary

#1.1 Analyze idioms, analogies, metaphors, and similes to infer the literal and figurative meanings of phrases. *Students will ...*

Read idioms, analogies, metaphors and similes, explain the literal meanings of those phrases and explain the figurative meanings of the phrases.

#1.2 Understand the most important points in the history of English language and use common word origins to determine the historical influences on English word meanings.

Students will...

Discuss important points in the history of the English language. Explain the impact of the historical influences on English word meanings.

#1.3 Use word meanings within the appropriate context and show ability to verify those meanings by definition, restatement, example, comparison, or contrast.

Students will...

Search for clues in phrases, sentences, paragraphs to determine the appropriate context for a given word's meaning. Determine if the clue was one of definition, restatement, example, comparison, or contrast.

2.0 Reading Comprehension

#2.3 Comprehension and Analysis of Grade-Level-Appropriate Text: find similarities and differences between texts in the treatment, scope, or organization of ideas.

Students will... Compare and contrast texts by examining treatment of topics, genre, author purpose, themes or main idea, organizational patters.

3.0 Literary Response and Analysis Novel

#3.2 Evaluate the structural elements of the plot (e.g., subplots, parallel episodes, climax), the plot's development, and the way in which conflicts are (or are not) addressed and resolved. *Students will...*

Identify the elements of plot; analyze and evaluate their development in a story; evaluate the way in which conflicts are (or are not) addressed and resolved.

#3.3 Compare and contrast motivations and reactions of literary characters from different historical eras confronting similar situations or conflicts. *Students will...*

Read stories about characters from different historical eras facing similar situations and conflicts. Compare and contrast the motivations and reactions of the characters given their similar situations or conflicts.

3.0 Literary Response and Analysis

Continued

#3.4 Analyze the relevance of the setting (e.g., place, time, customs) to the mood, tone, and meaning of the text. *Students will...* Identify settings in the text. Determine the mood, tone, meaning in the text. Explain the relevance of the setting to the mood, tone, and meaning of the text.

#3.6 Identify significant literary devices (e.g., metaphor, symbolism, dialect, irony) that define a writer's style and use those elements to interpret the work. *Students will...* Identify the literary devices an author uses in a work. Explain how the author's use of these elements contribute to the meaning of the work.

#3.7 Literary Criticism: analyze a work of literature, showing how it reflects the heritage, traditions, attitudes, and beliefs of its author (Biographical Approach) *Students will...* Explain how the tone of a work, author's use of language, author's anecdotes, characterization or theme of a work reflect the heritage, traditions, attitudes and beliefs of its author.

Poetry – Students will

#3.1 Determine and articulate the relationship among the purpose and characteristics of different forms of poetry (ballad, lyric, couplet, epic, elegy, ode, sonnet)

Read different forms of poetry to identify the characteristics of each.

1.0 Writing Strategies/2.0 Writing Applications

#1.1 Create compositions that establish a controlling impression, have a coherent thesis, and end with a clear and well-supported conclusion.

#1.2 Establish coherence within and among paragraphs through effective transitions, parallel structures, and similar writing techniques.

#1.6 Revising writing for word choice; appropriate organization; consistent point of view; and transitions between paragraphs, passages, and ideas.

2.0 Writing Applications

2.2 Write response to literature

Written and Oral Conventions

Students will...

1.1 Use varied and correct sentence types.

1.4 Edit written manuscripts to ensure correct grammar is used.

Written and Oral Conventions

Students will...

1.5 Use correct punctuation and capitalization

1.6 Use correct spelling
correct grammar is used.

1.0 Listening/2.0 Speaking

#2.2 Deliver oral summaries of articles and books.

1.3 Organize information to achieve particular purposes.

1.1 Analyze oral interpretations of literature.

Spelling Concepts

Students will... correctly spell

- Words with hard and soft c and g
- Words with silent –e
- VAC words
- Greek, Latin plurals

Grammar and Mechanics

Students will recognize and write...

- Varied sentence structure
- Gerunds
- Participles
- Infinitives

Required Assessments

- Daily, weekly on-going checks for understanding (e.g. exit slips, learning logs, quizzes, other vocabulary, literary , grammar, spelling, or mechanics tasks)
- **Writing folder : Response to Literature task**
- **Cluster 4: Poetry/Cluster 9: History Through Literature (rdg. comp/lit. analysis)**

Data Collection/Deadlines

(see principal for exact date to turn in data)

Mar. 2 – 9: Mid-term data

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UNIT 3 : NOVEL/POETRY: VOCABULARY OF THE DISCIPLINE AND TEACHING RESOURCES

(Note: The resources listed are suggestions. Teachers may choose other resources as needed to accomplish the goals of the unit.)

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**2009-2010 RECOMMENDED PACING LANGUAGE OF LITERATURE GRADE 8
UNIT 4: NOVEL/ UNIT OF TEACHER CHOICE**

**NOVEL/UNIT OF
TEACHER CHOICE**
Trad: April 19- June 17
Mod.Trad: May 3-June 24
TrkB: June 1 –July 23

Unit Description: This unit allows for teacher choice of a second novel and/or a teacher-developed unit.

CONTENT STANDARDS , TEACHNG POINTS, REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS

Boldface = content standard unbold = student outcomes # = multiple items on CST

1.0 Word Analysis/Vocabulary

Students will...

Review appropriate skills as deemed necessary.

2.0 Reading Comprehension

Students will...

Review appropriate skills as deemed necessary.

3.0 Literary Analysis-Novel

Students will...

#3.2 Evaluate the structural elements of the plot (e.g., subplots, parallel episodes, climax), the plot's development, and the way in which conflicts are (or are not) addressed and resolved. *Students will...*

Identify the elements of plot; analyze and evaluate their development in a story; evaluate the way in which conflicts are (or are not) addressed and resolved.

#3.3 Compare and contrast motivations and reactions of literary characters from different historical eras confronting similar situations or conflicts. *Students will...*

Read stories about characters from different historical eras facing similar situations and conflicts. Compare and contrast the motivations and reactions of the characters given their similar situations or conflicts.

Literary Analysis 3.0 (cont'd)

Students will...

#3.4 Analyze the relevance of the setting (e.g., place, time, customs) to the mood, tone, and meaning of the text. *Students will...* Identify settings in the text. Determine the mood, tone, meaning in the text. Explain the relevance of the setting to the mood, tone, and meaning of the text.

#3.5 Identify and analyze recurring themes (e.g., good versus evil) across traditional and contemporary works.

Students will... Read traditional and contemporary works with similar themes. Analyze how the differences in time periods, style, events contribute to the similar themes.

#3.6 Identify significant literary devices (e.g., metaphor, symbolism, dialect, irony) that define a writer's style and use those elements to interpret the work. *Students will...*

Identify the literary devices an author uses in a work. Explain how the author's use of these elements contribute to the meaning of the work.

#3.7 Literary Criticism: analyze a work of literature, showing how it reflects the heritage, traditions, attitudes, and beliefs of its author (Biographical Approach) *Students will...* Explain how the tone of a work, author's use of language, author's anecdotes, characterization or theme of a work reflect the heritage, traditions, attitudes and beliefs of its author.

2.0 Writing Strategies/2.0 Writing Applications

Students will...

Review appropriate skills as deemed necessary.

Written and Oral Conventions

Students will...

1.1 Use varied and correct sentence types.

1.4 Edit written manuscripts to ensure correct grammar is used.

1.5 Use correct punctuation and capitalization

1.6 Use correct spelling
correct grammar is used.

2.0 Listening/2.0 Speaking

Students will...

Review appropriate skills as deemed necessary.

Spelling Concepts

Students will correctly spell...

Review appropriate skills as deemed necessary

Grammar and Mechanics

Students will correctly use...

Capitalization
End punctuation
Varied sentence structure

Required Assessments

- Daily, weekly on-going checks for understanding (e.g. exit slips, learning logs, quizzes, other vocabulary, literary, grammar, spelling, or mechanics tasks)
- **Writing folder : Persuasive**
- **STAR Testing: Trad. Apr. 26 – May 21; Mod. Trad. May 3 – 28; Trk B: June 2 – 30**
- **EOC Trad. May 24 – June 11; Mod Trad: June 1 – 24; Trk B: July 1 - 23**

Data Collection/Deadlines

(see principal for exact date to turn in data)

May 5 -11: Response to Literature (rhetoric &conventions)

Cluster 3: Poetry/ Cluster 9: History Through Literature (rdg. comp/lit. analysis)

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 UNIT 4: NOVEL/UNIT OF TEACHER CHOICE
 VOCABULARY OF THE DISCIPLINE AND TEACHING RESOURCES**

(Note: The resources listed are suggestions. Teachers may choose other resources as needed to accomplish the goals of the unit.)

VOCABULARY OF THE DISCIPLINE	WORD ANALYSIS RESOURCES	LITERARY ANALYSIS RESOURCES	WRITING AND CONVENTIONS RESOURCES
<p><u>Word Analysis</u></p> <p>Review appropriate skills as deemed necessary</p> <p><u>Literary Analysis – Novel</u> Anecdote Antagonist Author attitude Author belief Biographical Approach Character Character motivation Character traits Climax Conflict Customs Dialect Dynamic character Exposition External conflict Falling action Fiction Heritage Internal conflict Irony Literary devices Major characters Minor characters Mood Narrative Narrator Novel Parallel episodes Plot Plot line Point of View Protagonist Recurring themes Resolution Rising Action Setting Short Story Speaker Static character Symbolism Tone Traditions</p> <p><u>Written Conventions</u></p> <p>TBD by teacher</p>	<p><u>Vocabulary</u> <i>Vocabulary and Spelling Book</i></p> <p>Based on teacher selected words as deemed appropriate.</p> <p><u>Words and Stems Commonly Used in Standardized tests</u></p> <p>Excerpt Expression Line (Poetry) Paragraph Passage Phrase Rough Draft Sentence Selection Stanza Statement Summary Text Version</p> <p>According to... Which detail...? Which source...? How does the writer achieve...? Which of the following...? The author probably believes... Based on..._____ implies... Best evidence Best completes Most likely/least likely Most effectively The author’s argument... The author’s attitude... _____ creates a tone/mood of...</p>	<p><u>Core Program</u> Teaching ideas may be found in the teacher notes in the <i>Language of Literature T.E., Interactive Reader T.E., and the Universal Access Resource Book</i></p> <p><i>Language of Literature 8</i></p> <p>TBD by teacher</p> <p><u>Strategic/ELD Support</u></p> <p>TBD by teacher</p> <p><u>Assessment Resources</u> In addition to teacher-made assessments, these resources may be helpful: CST released items</p> <p>TBD by teacher</p> <p><u>See Standards Manager for unpacking standards and re-teaching ideas, pp. 191 – 249</u></p>	<p><u>Writing</u> <i>Language of Literature</i></p> <p>TBD by teacher</p> <p><i>District Writing Guide</i></p> <p><i>CST released writing samples</i></p> <p><u>Spelling</u> <i>Spelling and Vocabulary Book</i></p> <p>TBD by teacher</p> <p><u>Grammar, Mechanics and Usage</u> Blackline Masters</p> <p>TBD by teacher</p> <p><i>Language Network</i></p> <p>TBD by teacher</p> <p><i>Universal Access Resource Book</i></p> <p>TBD by teacher</p>

Two Hour Strategic Class

Hour 1: READING PERIOD (Vocabulary, Reading Comprehension, Literary Analysis)

Reading Standards -- (1.0, 2.0, 3.0)

Time		DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5
15 Minutes	Reading Warm Up Tasks: SSR, CORE LIT. NOVEL, CST released item tied to CLUSTER.	READING WARM-UP	READING WARM-UP	READING WARM-UP	READING WARM-UP	Writing task tied to reading task.
25 Minutes	READING DIRECT INSTRUCTION LESSON: Vocabulary, literary/foundation reading skill attached to cluster, or reading of identified selection.	MOTIVATING & BUILDING BACKGROUND VOCABULARY →				
		READING LESSON, SKILLS & TEXTS →		←	ASSESSMENT (Must Do) → RETEACHING as needed →	ENRICHMENT (May Do) →
10 Minutes	Reading Closure Tasks Check for understanding (Ticket), mini-quiz, oral sharing or read aloud-novel.	READING CLOSURE TASKS	READING CLOSURE TASKS	READING CLOSURE TASKS	READING CLOSURE TASKS	READING CLOSURE TASKS

Hour 2: LANGUAGE ARTS PERIOD (Writing, Grammar & Spelling)

Writing Standards, (1.0 & 2.0) Written & Oral English Language Conventions 1.0

15 Minutes	Writing Warm Up Tasks: DOL, Spelling Skill, CST released item(s) tied to CLUSTER with revision or grammar.	WRITING WARM UP	WRITING WARM UP	WRITING WARM UP		Assessment task tied to writing task
25 Minutes	WRITING DIRECT INSTRUCTION LESSON: Grammar, writing (could be tied to a literary task or process writing.)	GRAMMAR →				ENRICHMENT (May Do) →
		WRITING →			RETEACHING →	
10 Minutes	Writing Closure Tasks: Check for understanding, (exit ticket). mini-quiz, oral sharing, Writer's Workshop, publishing.	WRITING CLOSURE TASKS	WRITING CLOSURE TASKS	WRITING CLOSURE TASKS	WRITING CLOSURE TASKS	WRITING CLOSURE TASKS

Enrichment/Considerations for Advanced Learners

The following ideas may be used to assist teachers in challenging students and in adding rigor to the core program.

Unit 1: Narrative	Unit 2: Nonfiction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examine archetypal settings and their relationship to theme (e.g., the wilderness, a garden, the river) • Examine archetypal characters and their relationship to theme (e.g., the mentor, the naïve young man or woman) • Study the text through different points of view (e.g., major and minor characters, omniscient observer) • Study author style • Socratic seminars • Extension menus • Apply Costa’s levels of questions to texts • Use depth and complexity icons • Use content imperatives • Think like a writer • Tone, diction, author word choice • Denotation vs. connotation • Book clubs (self-selected reading groups) • Literature circles • Write additional pieces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use and study the appeals of ethos, pathos, logos in writing • Argue both sides of an issue • Text structure analysis • Think like a researcher • Etymology of vocabulary words • Socratic seminars • Extension menus • Apply Costa’s levels of questions to texts • Use depth and complexity icons • Use content imperatives • Word arrays (shades of meaning) • Sentence combining/sentence patterns • Do additional reading • Create functional documents • Evaluate functional documents for clarity of message
Unit 3: Novel/Poetry	Unit 4: Novel/Teacher Choice
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TP-CASTT analysis of poetry (title, paraphrase, connotation, speaker, shift in speaker/attitude, title revisit, theme) • Diction, tone, word choice, imagery • Think like a poet • Write in a given poet’s style • Extension menus • Examine archetypal settings and their relationship to theme (e.g., the wilderness, a garden, the river) • Examine archetypal characters and their relationship to theme (e.g., the mentor, the naïve young man or woman) • Study the text through different points of view (e.g., major and minor characters, omniscient observer) • Study author style • Socratic seminars • Apply Costa’s levels of questions to texts • Use depth and complexity icons • Use content imperatives • Tone, diction, author word choice • Denotation vs. connotation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use depth and complexity icons • Use content imperatives • Extension menus • Novel study • Literature circles/book clubs

Active Participation

Possible methods to implement overt active participation (O ral, W ritten and/or G estures)	ACTIVE PARTICIPATION
STRATEGY NAME & DESCRIPTION	
ORAL	A-B Partner Teach: Teacher prompts students beforehand that they will be responsible periodically throughout the lesson to reteach a portion of the content to a partner. Designate partner pairs as A or B.
	Choral Response/Choral Work: All students respond orally either repeating teacher or answering questions in unison.
	Clock Appointments: Ss make appointments w/ other Ss. As teacher calls that specific appointment time, Ss meet with their designated appointment and discuss a given question or summary statement.
	Expert Line-Up: Through conversation students decide who has the most expertise on a subject and line up accordingly. This allows for partners for the activity to be determined.
	Give and Take: Ss partner up. For each summary statement given to the partner, the partner gives one back.
	Group Alerting: After presenting material, teacher asks a question. Without calling on an individual, the teacher pauses to let the entire group formulate answer. After pausing, the teacher calls on a particular student. When the student has finished answering, the teacher cues the whole class to respond to the individual's answer with a thumbs-up or thumbs-down gesture.
	Mix-Freeze-Match: Students mingle (mix) until teacher says, "Freeze" and they partner with the closest person (match) for sharing.
	Numbered Heads: Ss number off in groups. All are responsible for answer but only one in each group is chosen from a spinner.
	Pass the Q & A: Teacher asks first student in each row a question. Students answer question orally, rephrasing the question in the answer. Student turns around and asks the same question to the next student. Ss continue the domino effect until they reach the back of the row.
	Roll the Dice: Students in groups of six are responsible for answer if their number comes up.
	Round Robin Review: At table groups, students review content student by student, clockwise or counter-clockwise rotation.
	Think-Pair-Share: All students receive individual time to formulate an answer, pair up with a partner to discuss and then share out to class.
	3-Step Interview: Student #1=interviewer, #2=be interviewed, #3=summarize the persons you interviewed.

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	3-Word Summaries: At any point in the lesson, the teacher asks students to summarize their learning in exactly 3 words. This can be done orally or in written format.
	What’s the Difference?: This strategy involves simply asking students to identify the differences between two or more items. (example: verbs and adverbs, evaporation and absorption, hills and valleys, poems and songs)
	What’s the Same?: This strategy involves simply asking students to compare two or more items and describe how they are the same (example: clouds and mist, leaders and followers, eating good food and hiking tall mountains)
	Whip Around, Pass Option: Teacher whips around the room until getting an oral answer/comment from each student. Ss do have the option to pass the first time around.
WRITTEN	Attentive Lecture: In this strategy Ss are not allowed to take notes as the teacher is giving content information. Every 2-3 minutes, the teacher stops giving instruction and students are to write the crucial input given in the last few minutes in their notebooks.
	Clock Appointments: Ss make appointments w/ other Ss. As teacher calls that specific appointment time, Ss meet with their designated appointment and discuss a given question or summary statement.
	Post-It Voting: Students use sticky notes with their initials to vote or comment and put up in designated area of white board. (i.e. used to rubric an anchor paper, categorizing information, graphing class information for lesson)
	Reflection/Summary Writing: Ss use journals or note pages to independently reflect on the learning.
	Response Boards: Students use white boards or mini chalk boards to write ideas/answers.
	Snowball: Ss write a summary statement on a scratch piece of paper, all toss them across the room, pick up a different paper, read and write another summary statement. Process continues.
	Thinking Maps: Not only for pre-writing activities, these graphic organizers that can be used to activate prior knowledge and/or to summarize the learning.
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GESTURES	Color-coded Choices: Put colored sticker dots on Ss desks or nametags. Each color represents a possible answer to a question from the teacher. Student puts their finger on the answer they choose. (i.e. “If you think it is a fact, put your finger on red. On green, if you think it is an opinion.”)
	4 Corners: Teacher designates the 4 corners of the room to represent answers to a question. Students move to the corner they choose as their answer. Great for multiple-choice answers!
	Group Alerting: After presenting material, teacher asks a question. Without calling on an individual, the teacher pauses to let the entire group formulate answer. After pausing, the teacher calls on a particular student. When the student has finished answering, the teacher cues the whole class to respond to the individual’s answer with a thumbs-up or thumbs-down gesture.
	Hand Signals: A private gesture with the hands. Most effective to teacher (as a check for understanding) when Ss keep gestures close to their chest so other Ss can not see their answer. Examples include: Thumbs up/down, open/closed fist, one finger/two fingers, and arms crossed/uncrossed.
	Post-It Voting: Student s use sticky notes with their initials to vote or comment and put up in designated area of white board. (i.e. used to rubric an anchor paper, categorizing information, graphing class information for lesson).
	Simulated DOL: During Daily Oral Langue activities, students use a different gesture to represent each punctuation or editing change.
	Stand Up/Sit Down: Standing or sitting represent the 2 answer choices. Ss stand or sit depending on what they feel is the correct answer.

METHODS:

Lesson Design & Delivery: Teachers will incorporate these components of lesson design during direct instruction and inquiry activities. The order of components is flexible, depending on the teacher’s vision for the individual lesson. For instance, the objective and purpose, while present in the teacher’s lesson plan, are not made known to the students at the beginning of an inquiry lesson.

<p>Essential Elements of Effective Instruction Model for Lesson Design Using Task Analysis</p>	<p>Anticipatory Set Objective Standard Reference Purpose Input Modeling Check for Understanding Guided Practice Closure Independent Practice</p>
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Some components may occur once in a lesson, but others will recur many times. Checking for understanding occurs continually; input, modeling, guided practice and closure may occur several times. There may even be more than one anticipatory set when more than one content piece is introduced.

Active Participation: Teachers will incorporate the principles of active participation and specific strategies to ensure consistent, simultaneous involvement of the minds of all learners in the classroom. Teachers should include both covert and overt active participation strategies, incorporating cooperative learning structures and brain research. Some of the possible active participation strategies include:

COVERT	<u>OVERT</u> (Oral)	OVERT (Written)	OVERT (Gestures)
• Recall	• Pair/Share	• Restate in Journals / Notes	• Hand Signals
• Imagine	• Idea Wave	• Response Boards	• Clapping
• Observe	• Choral Response	• Graphic Organizers	• Stand up/ Sit down
• Consider	• Give One, Get One	• Folded Paper	• Point to Examples
• Visualize	• “Foggiest” point	• Ticket Out of Class	
	• Socratic Seminar	• Illustrate	
	• Cooperative Discussion Groups (i.e. Talking Chips)		
	• Role Play		

Baldrige Quality Tools

- Affinity diagram
- Plus/Delta
- Flow Chart
- Consensogram
- Matrix/Diagram
- Scatter Diagram

Literacy and Differentiation Strategies

Learning styles and learning challenges of your students may be addressed by implementing combinations of the following:

Reading Strategies in Language Arts	Strategies for English Learners	Differentiation for Advanced Learners
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Learning Logs ▪ Pre-teaching ▪ Vocabulary ▪ Pre-reading ▪ Text Structures ▪ Trail Markers ▪ Reciprocal Teaching ▪ Functional Text ▪ Anticipation Guide ▪ Close Reading ▪ Literature Circles ▪ Hot Seat ▪ SSR/Independent Reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tapping/Building Prior Knowledge (Graphic Organizers, Schema) ▪ Grouping Strategies ▪ Multiple Intelligences ▪ Adapt the Text ▪ Interactive Learning (Manipulatives, Visuals) ▪ Acquisition Levels ▪ Language Sensitivity ▪ Lower the Affective Filter (including Processing Time) ▪ Home/School Connection (including Cultural Aspects) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Curriculum Compacting ▪ Tiered Assignments ▪ Flexible Grouping ▪ Acceleration ▪ Depth and Complexity ▪ Independent Study ▪ Literature Circles

MATERIALS USED IN TEACHING THE COURSE: In addition to the basic text, a variety of instructional tools will be used to meet the needs of all students

Basic Text: The Language of Literature: 2002, McDougal-Littell

Supplemental Text

The Writer's Choice: 1996, Glencoe/McGraw-Hill

Core Novels: Teachers may select titles from the attached list from the appropriate grade level.

CORE NOVEL LIST

*The bolded titles represent the common novel for the grade level. The common novel should be read by all students (at that grade level).

GRADE 6 CORE LITERATURE

CORE	EXTENDED
Nichol, Barbara MacLachlan, Patricia Stanley, Diane	George, Jean Craighead Fox, Paula
Paterson, Katherine Climo, Shirley Paulsen, Gary Paulsen, Gary Rawls, Wilson Jarvis McGraw, Eloise Buchanan Smith, Doris Hamilton, Virginia Lews, C.S.	Service, Paula Burnett, Frances Hodgson
Dyer Vuong, Lynette	

GRADE 7 CORE LITERATURE

CORE	
Alexander, Lloyd	<u>The Fortune-Tellers</u>
Masefield, John	<u>St. George and the Dragon</u>
	<u>The Three Princes</u>
Jackson, A.E.	<u>Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves</u>
L'Engle, Madeleine	<u>A Wrinkle in Time</u>
Lowry, Lois	<u>The Giver</u>
Paterson, Katherine	<u>Bridge to Terabithia</u>
Soto, Gary	<u>Pacific Crossing</u>
Fisher Staples, Suzanne	<u>Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind</u>
Yep, Lawrence	<u>Child of the Owl</u>
Fleischman, Sid	<u>The Whipping Boy</u>
Paterson, Katherine	<u>The Sign of the Chrysanthemum</u>
Taylor, Mildred D.	<u>The Friendship and The Gold Cadillac</u>

EXTENDED	
Soto, Gary	<u>Baseball in April</u>
Winthrop, Elizabeth	<u>Castle in the Attic</u>
Ho, Minfong	<u>Clay Marble</u>
Gipson, Fred	<u>Old Yeller</u>
Bauer, Marion Dane	<u>On My Honor</u>
Otsuka, Yuzo	<u>Suho and the White Horse</u>
Duncan, Lois	<u>Down a Dark Hall</u>
Christopher, John	<u>White Mountains</u>

GRADE 8 CORE LITERATURE

CORE	
Polacco, Patricia	<u>Pink and Say</u>
Green, Bette	<u>Summer of My German Soldier</u>
Hamilton, Virginia	<u>The People Could Fly</u>
Paterson, Katherine	<u>Jacob Have I Loved</u>
Avi	<u>Nothing But the Truth: A Documentary Novel</u>
Newton Peck, Robert	<u>A Day No Pigs Would Die</u>
Waakatsuki Houston, Jeanne and Houston, James D.	<u>Farewell to Manzanar</u>
Voight, Cynthia	<u>Dacey's Song</u>
Byars, Betsy	<u>The Summer of the Swans</u>
Taylor, Mildred D.	<u>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</u>
Crew, Linda	<u>Children of the River</u>
Yep, Laurence	<u>Dragonwings</u>
Myers, Walter Dean	<u>Somewhere in the Darkness</u>
	<u>Coming Home</u>
Frank, Anne	<u>Diary of Anne Frank</u>
Richter, Conrad	<u>Light in the Forest</u>
Hunt, Irene	<u>Across Five Aprils</u>
Forbes, Esher	<u>Johnny Tremain</u>

EXTENDED	
Myers, Walter Dean	<u>Scorpions</u>
Zindel, Paul	<u>The Pigman</u>
Soto, Gary	<u>Living Up the Street</u>
Armstrong, William	<u>Souder</u>
White, Robb	<u>Deathwatch</u>

Related Career Resources

- There are many web sites that will help with career selection such as Eguidance.com, BRIDGES.com, and icouldbe.org. The software package COIN JR also has career information. Careers in English/Language Arts could include: Book Editor, Copyright Coordinator, Copywriter, Corporate Lawyer, Court Clerk, Court Reporter, Criminal Defense Lawyer, Criminal Prosecutor, Desktop Publisher, Documentary Producer, Teacher, English Language Teacher Overseas, English Professor, Film Critic, Freelance Writer, Fund-raiser, Grant Writer, Principal, Insurance Underwriter, Journalist, Judge, Librarian, Literary Agent, Newspaper Editor, News Anchor, Newspaper Editor, Novelist, Playwright, Political Lobbyist, Politician, Public Speaker, Scriptwriter, TV Host, and TV Producer.

EVALUATION: Student achievement in this course will be measured using multiple assessment tools.

2004 - 2005	Diagnosis	Monitor	Evaluate
District Developed Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Writing Portfolio 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Process Writing Prompts ◆ Writing Portfolio ◆ Mid-Term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Final End of Course Exam ◆ Timed Writing Prompts (All genres) ◆ Writing Portfolio
McDougal –Littell <u>The Language of Literature</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Cluster Tests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Reteaching Resource Bank ◆ Selection Quizzes ◆ Standardized Test Practice ◆ Grammar and Spelling Checks ◆ Formal Assessment Selection Tests ◆ Cluster Tests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Unit Integrated Assessments ◆ End of Year Integrated Assessments ◆ Cluster Tests: Fiction, Types of Nonfiction, Theme, Text, Author’s Style, Poetry, Technical and Career Documents, Persuasion, Research Report, Plot , and Theme

GRADING SCALE

	Letter grade	Percentage	Four Point Rubric score
Advanced Proficient	A/B+	100-85%	Advanced Proficient 4
Proficient	B	84 – 80%	Proficient 3
	C	79% - 70%	
Partially Proficient	D	69 – 60%	Partially Proficient 2
Non or Limited Proficient	F	Below 60%	Non or Limited Proficient 1

*Teachers are encouraged to use plus and minus scores when using the four-point rubric.

SUGGESTED GRADING POLICY

A common grading policy ensures consistency between schools and classroom across the district.

- ◆ **Cluster Tests/ Long Term Projects/ Timed Writing Tasks** **25%**
These end-of-learning assessments are sometimes called culminating tasks. At the end of instruction, students are assessed in a variety of ways to evaluate their knowledge of a specific content. Examples include: any literature/grammar/unit tests, poetry notebooks, short story notebooks, dramatic presentations, book reports, research reports, timed writing in any of the genres for a final score using a rubric.
- ◆ **Literary Tasks** **20%**
Using a piece of text (Literature, Expository, Poetry/Songs, Functional text etc.), students will create a representation that demonstrates competency in description, comprehension, analysis, reflection, etc. according to a predetermined rubric/scoring guide. Tasks could include: literature circle responses, short story or novel question responses, story frames/maps, posters/brochures, graphic organizers, Cornell notes, double entry journals/reading response logs, vocabulary study.
- ◆ **Writing Tasks** **20%**
*These tasks may overlap the literary tasks. This writing can be casual, informal, or process writing (formal). Tasks include: journal quick writes, one-pagers, short paragraph responses, process essays, pre-writes, drafts, peer feedback, graphic organizers, grammar practice/DOL, character sketches, paragraph summaries, poems, etc.
- ◆ **Quizzes** **10%**
These are “chunked” quick assessments to check understanding of the content taught so far. Teachers can use these to determine if students are ready to move on. These mini-assessments can be oral, multiple-choice, short answer, essay format, or even a poster. They can be graded or not. Examples include: spelling quizzes, vocabulary checks, short story checks, genre terms quiz, thinking maps, etc.
- ◆ **Homework** **10%**
This practice reinforces the learning done in class. The work should be checked for completion but not graded. It is practice in a skill. Homework could be: spelling, reading logs, SSR, vocabulary study, grammar practice, rough draft revision, long term project work, journal writing note taking, etc.
- ◆ **Listening & Speaking (participation)** **10%**
These skills are the cornerstones of classroom management, discussions, oral presentations, and active class participation. Examples include: Literature circles, Socratic Seminars, Junior Great Books, peer feedback and critiques, everyday classroom participation, reader’s theatre, choral response, informal presentations, recitations, think-pair-share, etc.
- ◆ **End Of Course Exam** **5%**
- ◆ **Mid-Term** **No more than 5%
(Still in pilot stage)**

NAME: _____ PERIOD: _____

EXPOSITORY RHETORIC			
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PERSUASIVE RHETORIC			
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NARRATIVE RHETORIC			
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RESPONSE TO LIT RHETORIC			
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SUMMARY RHETORIC			
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RESEARCH RHETORIC			
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OTHER/TEACHER CHOICE RHETORIC			
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INSERT
for the Writing Standards Assessment Portfolio

School

Student

Content Standard 2.0: Writing Applications
Use writing as a means of learning and reflecting

My Writing Goals

Grade	Date / What I am able to do well in my writing pieces (strengths)	What I need to work on next - future goals	What my teacher should know about me as a writer
Beginning of Year			

My Writing Goals

Mid Year	Date / What I am able to do well in my writing pieces (strengths)	What I need to work on next - future goals	The piece I'm proud of is.... because...
End of Year	Date / What I am able to do well in my writing pieces (strengths)	What I need to work on next - future goals	The most important ideas I've learned about writing are...

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