

Grade 8 Curriculum Calendars (revised 9/5)

2019-2020

Month	Reading Units	Writing Units
September		Memoir <i>(If...Then...)</i>
Oct..	UOS: Literary Nonfiction	
Nov		UOS: Position Papers: Research and Argument (Book 3)
December.	UOS: Historical Fiction	
January		UOS: The Literary Essay: Analyzing Craft and Theme (Book 2)
February	Speeches and Historical Documents	
March	On-Demand Reading & Writing	
April		UOS: Investigative Journalism
May	UOS: Classics Clubs	
June		Comparing and Contrasting Literature

Blue denotes resource not yet published.

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SPECIAL NOTE:

You will notice that you are not always teaching a SPECIFIC reading AND writing unit at the same time. However, during a focused writing unit, students should be doing vocabulary activities (including Word Within the Word) and/or sharing/reading choice books while the teacher confers. During a focused reading unit, students could be continuing to write in their Writer's Notebook and integrating grammar skills, using *Everyday Editing Lessons* as needed. Speaking and listening lessons and activities can also be integrated. This should allow for a balanced literacy approach throughout the year.