

Curriculum Map: 8th Grade ELA Writing

Course: LANGUAGE ARTS 8 Sub-topic: General

Grade(s): 8

Course Description: Students will develop comprehension and analytical reading skills through the study of a variety of genres. Students will learn how strategic readers think and visualize when they read, interact with, and examine text. Focus areas include strategies for analysis and synthesis of literature, critical thinking, author's craft and text structure, and elements of literature. The ultimate goal is to promote the development of skills and strategies that students will apply with increasing independence. Also, to further develop in students an appreciation for reading and writing as a lifetime source of information and enjoyment.

Course Textbooks, Workbooks, Materials Citations: Ready Reading; iReady Reading

Unit: Building Blocks of Writing

Timeline: 2 Weeks

Topic: Parts of Speech - Overview

Topic: Subject and Predicate

Topic: Phrases and Clauses

Topic: Sentence Structure

Topic: Punctuation and Capitalization

Topic: Paragraph Writing

Unit: Narrative Writing

Topic: Story Elements

Topic: Irony

Topic: Dialogue

Topic: Point of View and Perspective

Unit: Argumentative/Persuasive Writing

Topic: Rhetoric

Topic: Topic Selection and Research

Topic: Introductions and Thesis Statements

Topic: Body Paragraphs and Relevant Evidence

Topic: Conclusion Paragraphs

Unit: Informative

Topic: Research Skills

Topic: In-Text Citations and MLA

Unit: Literary Analysis

Topic: Cemetery Path

Topic: Robert Smalls Podcast

Topic: The Bountiful Case

Topic: The Stolen Pearls

Unit: Vocabulary Acquisition

This Curriculum Map Unit has no Topics to display

Unit: Grammar Skills

Topic: Subject and Verb Agreement

Topic: Commas

Topic: Active and Passive Voice

Topic: Verb Moods

Topic: Verbals