

Blackhawk School District

CURRICULUM

Course Title:	English 8
Periods Per Week:	5
Credits:	1 credit
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This is a comprehensive course which encompasses all aspects of English including grammar, literature, speaking, writing, spelling and vocabulary building.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

Essential questions are the heart of the curriculum. Essential questions are conceptual commitments that teachers will use to guide instructional decision-making. In addition, they are kid friendly so that students can easily understand them. Essential questions are meant to be shared with students in either discussion or posting in the classroom. Essential questions provide the focus for teaching and learning.

Assessing Essential questions is key to a robust curriculum. If Essential Questions are the focal point of learning, how then do we assess students? The following are the Essential Questions for this class and an overview of recommended assessments to the Essential Questions. In addition, Differentiated learning opportunities are embedded as well.

Writing: How can I communicate effectively?
Assessment: Essay

The Diary of Anne Frank: How does presenting a story in a dramatic form influence its tone and mood?
Assessment: Essay

Flowers for Algernon: How does point of view affect our understanding of circumstances?
Assessment: Essay

Where the Red Fern Grows: What are the characteristics or elements that cause a piece of literature to endure?
Assessment: Essay

Social Studies Cross-Curricular Nonfiction Selections: How do my ELA skills open new doors of knowledge for me in other areas?
Assessment: Essay

ROBUST VOCABULARY:

Robust vocabulary words are Tier 2 words, meaning that they are complex, powerful, and generalizable. Robust vocabulary words support language development of both lower and high level learners. In addition, robust vocabulary instruction helps prepare students for SATs, upper level high school classes, and college. “Studies showed that robust instruction was quite effective not only for learning the meanings of words but also for affecting reading comprehension.” (p. 2 *Bringing Words to Life*).

Teachers are asked to commit to teaching and students USING these words throughout the entire year. Using a variety of instructional strategies, students will learn the meaning of these words in a deep and meaningful way in this content and across other content areas.

The Robust Vocabulary for this class are:

Quarter 1:	epitome explicit implicit likewise moreover
Quarter 2:	despite antithesis cognizant compelling obscure
Quarter 3:	ensure nebulous paramount aversion augment
Quarter 4:	Anti Dis Inter Mid Mis Re Semi Sub Trans Un

COURSE OUTLINE	OBJECTIVES (PA standard)	RESOURCES	LESSON REFLECTION (for future revisions)
<p>FICTION E08.A-K.1.1 Key ideas and details in literature</p> <p>E08.A-C.2.1 Craft and structure in literature</p>	<p>E08.A-K.1.1.1 Cite textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences, conclusions, and/or generalizations drawn from the text.</p> <p>E08.A-K.1.1.2 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>E08.A-K.1.1.3 Analyze how particular lines of dialogue or incidents in a story, drama, or poem propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision</p> <p>E08.A-C.2.1.1 Analyze how differences in the points of view of the characters and the audience or reader create effects as suspense or humor</p> <p>E08.A-C.2.1.2 Compare and contrast the structure of two or more texts and analyze how the differing structure if each text contributes to its meaning and style</p> <p>E08.A-C.2.1.3 Determine how the author uses the meaning of words or phrases, including figurative and connotative meanings, in a text; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts</p>	<p><i>Timeless Voices, Timeless Themes</i>-Prentice Hall, 2005. ISBN 0-13-180433-2</p> <p><i>Measuring Up</i>-Peoples Publishing, 2001. ISBN: 978-1-4138-6663-6W Reading, Level E</p> <p>Rawls, Wilson. <i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i>. New York: Bantam Books, 1961. ISBN: 0-553-27429-5</p> <p><i>Flowers for Algernon</i></p> <p><i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i></p> <p><i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i></p> <p>Rawls, Wilson. <i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i>. New York: Bantam Books, 1961. ISBN: 0-553-27429-5</p> <p><i>Flowers for Algernon</i></p> <p><i>Measuring Up</i>-Peoples Publishing, 2001. ISBN: 978-1-4138-6663-6W Reading, Level E</p>	

<p>E.08.A-C.3.1 Connections within, between, and/or among texts</p>	<p>E08.A-C.3.1.1 Analyze how a modern work of fiction draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types form myths and traditional stories, including describing how the material is rendered anew</p>	<p>Rawls, Wilson. <i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i>. New York: Bantam Books, 1961. ISBN: 0-553-27429-5</p> <p><i>Flowers for Algernon</i></p> <p><i>Timeless Voices, Timeless Themes</i>-Prentice Hall, 2005. ISBN 0-13-180433-2</p>	
<p>E08.A-V.4.1 Figurative language in literature</p>	<p>E08.A-V.4.1.1 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases</p> <p>E08.A-V.4.11.a Use context clues</p> <p>E08.A-V.4.11.b Use Greek or Latin affixes and roots</p> <p>E08.A-V.4.1.2 Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings</p> <p>E08.A-V.4.1.2.a Interpret figures of speech in context</p> <p>E08.A-V.4.1.2.b Use relationships between words</p> <p>E08.A-V.4.1.2.c Distinguish among connotations and denotations</p>	<p><i>Flowers for Algernon</i></p> <p><i>Timeless Voices, Timeless Themes</i>-Prentice Hall, 2005. ISBN 0-13-180433-2</p> <p><i>Measuring Up</i>-Peoples Publishing, 2001. ISBN: 978-1-4138-6663-6W Reading, Level E</p>	
<p>R8.B.2.1.1 R8.B.2.1.2 Literary Terms/Figurative Language 1.3.8.C 1.3.8.D</p>	<p>1.3.8.D-Identify poetic forms such as ballads, sonnets and couplets.</p> <p>R8.B.1.1.1-Interpret, compare, describe, analyze, and evaluate the theme of fiction or literary nonfiction. -Interpret, compare, describe, analyze, and evaluate the relationship between the theme and other components of the text.</p>	<p><i>Measuring Up</i>-Peoples Publishing, 2001. ISBN: 978-1-4138-6663-6W Reading, Level E</p> <p><i>Timeless Voices, Timeless Themes</i>-Prentice Hall, 2005. ISBN 0-13-180433-2</p>	
<p>R11.B.1.1.1 Tone, Style, Mood</p>	<p>1.3.8.E-Analyze how a scriptwriter's use of words creates tone and mood, and how choice of words</p>	<p>Rawls, Wilson. <i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i>. New York: Bantam Books, 1961. ISBN: 0-553-27429-5</p>	

	<p>advances the theme or purpose of the work.</p> <p>R8.B.2.1.1-Identify, interpret, describe, and or analyze examples of personification, simile, metaphor, hyperbole, satire, imagery, foreshadowing, flashbacks, irony, mood, theme, and tone in text.</p> <p>R8.B.1.1.1-Interpret, compare, describe, analyze, and evaluate elements of the plot (conflict, rising action, climax and resolution) -Interpret, compare, describe, analyze and evaluate the relationship between elements of the plot (conflict, rising action, climax, resolution) and other components of the text.</p>	<p><i>Timeless Voices, Timeless Themes</i>-Prentice Hall, 2005. ISBN 0-13-180433-2</p> <p><i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i></p>	
<p>1.3.11.B R11.B.1.1.1 Symbolism</p>	<p>R11.B.1.1.1-Interpret, compare, describe, analyze, and/or evaluate the use of symbolism in fiction. -Interpret, compare, describe, analyze, and/or evaluate the relationship between symbolism and other components of the text.</p>	<p><i>Measuring Up</i>-Peoples Publishing, 2001. ISBN: 978-1-4138-6663-6W Reading, Level E</p> <p><i>Timeless Voices, Timeless Themes</i>-Prentice Hall, 2005. ISBN 0-13-180433-2</p>	
<p>R8.A.1.1.2 Synonym/antonym</p>	<p>R8.A.1.1.2-Identify and apply a synonym or antonym or a word used in text.</p>	<p><i>Timeless Voices, Timeless Themes</i>-Prentice Hall, 2005. ISBN 0-13-180433-2</p>	
<p>1.1.8.E.-Expand a reading vocabulary by identifying and correctly using idioms and words with literal and figurative meanings. Use a dictionary or related reference.</p>			
<p>WRITING E08.C.1.1 Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence</p>	<p>E08.C.1.1.1 Introduce claims, distinguish claims from opposing claims, and support writer's purpose</p> <p>E08.C.1.1.2 Support claims with evidence and sources</p> <p>E08.C.1.1.3 Create cohesion with words, phrases,</p>		

<p>E08.C.1.2 Write informative/explanatory texts</p>	<p>and clauses</p> <p>E08.C.1.1.4 Establish and maintain a formal style</p> <p>E08.C.1.1.5 Provide a concluding section</p> <p>E08.C.1.2.1 Introduce a topic, organize ideas, concepts, and information using definition, classification, comparison, contrast, and cause/effect</p> <p>E08.C.1.2.2 Develop topic with facts, quotes, and definitions</p> <p>E08.C.1.2.3 Use transitions</p> <p>E08.C.1.2.4 Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary</p> <p>E08.C.1.2.5 Establish and maintain a formal style</p> <p>E08.C.1.2.6 Provide a concluding section</p> <p>E08.C.1.3.1 Introduce characters, organize events, and maintain a point</p> <p>E08.C.1.3.2 Use dialogue, reflection, pacing, and description in writing</p> <p>E08.C.1.3.3 Use transitions</p> <p>E08.C.1.3.4 Use precise words and sensory language</p> <p>E08.C.1.3.5 Provide a conclusion</p>	<p><i>Language Network-McDougal Littell</i>, 2001. ISBN 0-395-96738-</p> <p><i>Language Network-McDougal Littell</i>, 2001. ISBN 0-395-96738-</p>	
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<p>E08.E.1.1 Draw evidence</p>	<p>E08.E.1.1.1 Introduce texts, state a topic, and create an organized structure in which ideas are grouped logically</p> <p>E08.E.1.1.2 Develop analysis through evidence to support claims, opinions, and inferences</p> <p>E08.E.1.1.3 Use transitions</p> <p>E08.E.1.1.4 Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary</p> <p>E08.E.1.1.5 Establish and maintain a formal style</p> <p>E08.E.1.1.6 Provide a concluding section</p>	<p><i>Language Network-McDougal Littell</i>, 2001. ISBN 0-395-96738-</p>	
<p>1.5.8.E 1.5.8.F Revisions and editing</p>	<p>1.5.8.F-Edit writing using the conventions or language by spelling all words correctly; using capital letters correctly; punctuating correctly; using parts of speech correctly; using complete sentences.</p> <p>1.5.8.E.-Revise writing to improve style, word choice, sentence variety and subtlety of meaning after rethinking how questions of purpose, audience and genre have been addressed.</p> <p>1.2.8.C-Produce work in at least one literary genre that follows the conventions of the genre.</p>	<p><i>Language Network-McDougal Littell</i>, 2001. ISBN 0-395-96738-</p>	
<p>1.4.8.D Keep Portfolio</p>	<p>1.4.8.D.-Maintain a written record of activities, course work, experience, honors and interests.</p>		

<p>NON FICTION E08.B-K.1.1 Key ideas and details in informational texts</p>	<p>E08.B-K.1.1.1 Cite the textual evidence explicitly, inferences, conclusions and generalizations.</p> <p>E08.B-K.1.1.2 Determine a central idea and analyze development, include relationship to supporting ideas; provide summary</p> <p>E08.B-K.1.1.3 Analyze how a text makes connections among and between individuals, ideas, or events (analogies, comparisons)</p>	<p><i>Measuring Up</i>-Peoples Publishing, 2001. ISBN: 978-1-4138-6663-6W Reading, Level E</p> <p><i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i> Paired nonfiction piece—Hitler speech</p> <p>Nonfiction selections from <i>Timeless Voices, Timeless Themes</i>-Prentice Hall, 2005. ISBN 0-13-180433-2</p> <p>Paired nonfiction piece to go with <i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i>—FDR’s inauguration speech</p> <p>Paired nonfiction piece to go with <i>Flowers for Algernon</i>—disability court cases. See: Common Core Shared Task.</p> <p>Cross-Curricular Social Studies/ELA nonfiction documents from the following documents: The Salem Witch Trials, Seven separate primary source documents from the inception of The American Revolution, and nine separate primary source documents from the Indian Removal period of American History.</p>	
<p>E08.B-C.2.1 Craft and structure in informational texts</p>	<p>E08.B-C.2.1.1 Determine author’s point or view or purpose and analyze how author acknowledges and responds to conflicting evidence or viewpoints</p> <p>E08.B-C.2.1.2 Analyze in detail the structure or a paragraph, including the role of particular sentences in developing and refining a key concept</p> <p>E08.B-C.2.1.3 Determine how the author uses the meaning of words or phrases, including figurative, connotative, or technical meanings, in a text; analyze</p>	<p>Cross-Curricular Social Studies/ELA nonfiction documents from the following documents: The Salem Witch Trials, Seven separate primary source documents from the inception of The American Revolution, and nine separate primary source documents from the Indian Removal period of American History.</p>	

<p>E08.B-C.3.1 Connections of informational texts</p>	<p>the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts</p> <p>E08.B-C.3.1.1 Evaluate argument/claims, assess reasoning, recognize irrelevant evidence</p> <p>E08.B-C.3.1.2 Analyze conflicting facts/interpretation in two texts</p>	<p>Cross-Curricular Social Studies/ELA nonfiction documents from the following documents: The Salem Witch Trials, Seven separate primary source documents from the inception of The American Revolution, and nine separate primary source documents from the Indian Removal period of American History.</p>	
<p>E08.B-V.4.1 Vocabulary and figurative language in informational texts</p>	<p>E08.B-V.4.1.1 Determine meaning of unknown/multiple-meaning words</p> <p>E08.B-V.4.1.1.a Context Clues</p> <p>E08.B-V.4.1.1.b Use Latin and Greek affixes and roots</p> <p>E08.B-V.4.1.1.c Determine the meaning of technical words</p> <p>E08.B-V.4.1.2. Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings</p> <p>E08.B-V.4.1.2.a Interpret figures of speech in context</p> <p>E08.B-V.4.1.2.b Use the relationships between words to understand other words</p> <p>E08.B-V.4.1.2.c Distinguish denotations from connotations</p>	<p>Cross-Curricular Social Studies/ELA nonfiction documents from the following documents: The Salem Witch Trials, Seven separate primary source documents from the inception of The American Revolution, and nine separate primary source documents from the Indian Removal period of American History.</p> <p><i>Language Network-McDougal Littell</i>, 2001. ISBN 0-395-96738-</p>	

<p>GRAMMAR E08.D.1.1 Verbs, Clauses, Phrases, Pronouns</p>	<p>R11.B.1.1.1-Interpret, compare, describe, analyze, and/or evaluate the use of symbolism in literary nonfiction. -Interpret, compare, describe, analyze, and/or evaluate the relationship between symbolism and other components of the text.</p> <p>E08.D.1.1.1 Verbals – gerunds, participles, and infinitives</p> <p>E08.D.1.1.2 Active and Passive Voice Verbs</p> <p>E08.D.1.1.3 Verb forms – Indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional, and subjunctive</p> <p>E08.D.1.1.4 Recognize inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood</p> <p>E08.D.1.1.5 Place phrases/clauses correctly. Identify dangling modifiers</p> <p>E08.D.1.1.6 Recognize inappropriate shifts in number or person.</p> <p>E08.D.1.1.7 Recognize and correct vague pronouns</p> <p>E08.D.1.1.8 Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb tense</p> <p>E08.D.1.1.9 Produce complete sentences, correct fragments and run-ons</p> <p>E08.D.1.1.10 Correctly use frequently confused words – to/too/two their/they’re/there</p>	<p><i>Language Network-McDougal Littell, 2001.</i> ISBN 0-395-96738-</p>	
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<p>E08.D.1.2 Capitalization, punctuation, and spelling</p> <p>E08.D.2.1 Use knowledge of language/conventions</p>	<p>E08.D.1.1.11 Ensure subject-verb and pronoun-antecedent agreement</p> <p>E08.D.1.2.1 Use punctuation – comma, ellipsis, dash – to indicate a pause or a break</p> <p>E08.D.1.2.2 Use ellipsis to indicate an omission</p> <p>E08.D.1.2.3 Spell correctly</p> <p>E08.D.1.2.4 Use commas, parentheses, and dashes to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements</p> <p>E08.D.1.2.5 Use punctuation to separate items in a series</p> <p>E08.D.2.1.1 Use active, passive, conditional, and subjunctive verbs to emphasize action, express uncertainty, and describe contradictions</p> <p>E08.D.2.1.2 Choose language that is concise</p> <p>E08.D.2.1.3 Vary sentence patterns</p> <p>E08.D.2.1.4 Maintain consistency in style and tone</p> <p>E08.D.2.1.5 Choose punctuation for effect</p> <p>E08.D.2.1.6 Choose words/phrases for effect</p>	<p><i>Language Network-McDougal Littell</i>, 2001. ISBN 0-395-96738-</p> <p><i>Language Network-McDougal Littell</i>, 2001. ISBN 0-395-96738-</p>	
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<p>1.6.8.C 1.6.8.D 1.6.8.E Speaking/Listening in large and small group discussions and presentations</p>	<p>1.6.8.A-Listen to others by asking clarifying questions, synthesizing information, ideas and opinions to determine relevancy, and taking notes.</p> <p>1.6.8.B.-Listen to selections of both fiction and nonfiction by relating them to previous knowledge; predicting solutions to identify problems; summarizing and reflecting on what has been heard; identifying and defining new words and concepts; and analyzing and synthesizing the selections relating them to other selections heard or read.</p> <p>1.6.8.C-Speak using skills appropriate to formal speech situations by using a variety of sentence structures to add interest to a presentation; pace the presentation according to audience and purpose; and adjusting stress, volume and inflection to provide emphasis to ideas or to influence the audiences.</p> <p>1.6.8.D.-Contribute to discussions by asking relevant, clarifying questions, responding with relevant information or opinions to questions asked; listening to and acknowledge the contributions of others; adjusting tone and involvement to encouraging equitable participation; facilitating total group participation; introducing relevant, facilitating information, ideas and opinions to enrich the discussion.</p> <p>1.6.8.E.-Participate in small and large group discussions and presentations by initiating everyday conversations; selecting and presenting an oral reading on an assigned topic; conducting interviews;</p>	<p><i>Timeless Voices, Timeless Themes</i>-Prentice Hall, 2005. ISBN 0-13-180433-2</p> <p>Rawls, Wilson. <i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i>. New York: Bantam Books, 1961. ISBN: 0-553-27429-5</p> <p><i>Flowers for Algernon</i></p> <p><i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i></p> <p>Cross-Curricular Social Studies/ELA nonfiction documents from the following documents: The Salem Witch Trials, Seven separate primary source documents from the inception of The American Revolution, and nine separate primary source documents from the Indian Removal period of American History.</p>	
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<p><i>Reading Skills</i> <i>Reading Apprenticeship</i> <i>Strategies</i></p> <p>1.6.8.F R8.B.3.1.1 R8.B.3.3.3 Media, Propaganda, and Graphics</p>	<p>participating in a formal interview; organizing and participating in informal debate around a specific topic.</p> <p>R8.B.3.3.4-Identify, compare, explain, interpret, describe, and analyze the sequence of steps in a list of directions.</p> <p>Use of Reading Apprenticeship strategies including but not limited to Talking to the Text and Think Alouds will be used to aid student understanding of text.</p> <p>1.1.8.H-Demonstrate fluency and comprehension in reading by reading familiar materials aloud with accuracy; self-correct mistakes; use appropriate rhythm, flow, meter and pronunciation; reading a variety of genres and types of text; demonstrate comprehension.</p> <p>1.6.8.F- Use media for learning purposes by using various forms of media to elicit information, to make a student presentation and to complete class assignments and projects; evaluating the role of media in focusing attention and forming opinions; creating a multi-media presentation for display or transmission that demonstrates an understanding of a specific topic or issue or teaches others about it.</p> <p>1.1.8.A-Locate various texts, media and traditional resources for assigned and independent projects before reading.</p> <p>1.2.8.B-Use and understand a variety of media and evaluate the quality of material produced by selecting appropriate electronic media for research and evaluate the quality of the information received;</p>	<p><i>The Diary of Anne Frank.</i></p>	
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<p>CC.8.SL.2 Analyze Media</p>	<p>explain how the techniques used in electronic media modify traditional forms of discourse for different purposes; use, design and develop a media project to demonstrate understanding.</p> <p>1.6.8.F-Use media for learning purposes by using various forms of media to elicit information, to make a student presentation and to complete class assignments and projects; evaluate the role of media in focusing attention and forming opinions; create a multi-media presentation for display or transmission that demonstrates an understanding of a specific topic or issue or teaches others about it.</p> <p>R8.B.3.3.3-Interpret and analyze graphics and charts, and make connections between text and the content of graphics and charts.</p> <p>CC.8.SL.2 Comprehension and Collaboration: 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>	<p>Cross-Curricular Social Studies/ELA nonfiction documents from the following documents: The Salem Witch Trials, Seven separate primary source documents from the inception of The American Revolution, and nine separate primary source documents from the Indian Removal period of American History.</p>	
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Grammar skills to be taught in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades

- Combining sentences: Compound Subjects and Predicates
 - Use conjunctions /connecting words: “And”, “or”, “but” to combine parts of sentences. 6
- Combining sentences: Compound Sentences
 - Use conjunctions connecting words: “And”, “or”, “but”, “because”, “when”, “although”, and “since” to combine sentences. 7/8
- Combining sentences: Complex Sentences
 - Use subordinating conjunctions: i.e., “because”, “when”, “although”, and “since” to combine sentences. 8
 - Use relative pronouns: i.e., “who”, “whose”, “that”, “which”, “whom” to combine sentences. 8
- Prepositions
 - Identify and use prepositions, objects of prepositions, and prepositional phrases. 7
- Object Pronouns in Prepositional Phrases
 - Use object pronouns as the object of a preposition. 7
- Using Prepositions in Writing
 - Use prepositional phrases in the beginning of a sentence to add variety to writing. Place prepositional phrases in the appropriate place in writing. 7/8
 - Example:
 - Wrong: She told about the high dive at breakfast.
 - Correct: At breakfast, she told about the high dive.
- Capitalization
 - All sentences begin with a capital letter. 6/7
 - Grade 7: Capitalize the following appropriately:
 - Names and Initials
 - Titles (Dr., Mrs., etc..)
 - Abbreviations
 - President
 - Family Relationships
 - Pronoun “I”
 - Nationality, Languages, Races
 - Line of Traditional Poetry
 - Quotations

- Parts of a Letter
 - Literary, Musical, and Artwork Titles
 - Geographical Names
 - Bodies of the Universe
 - Regions and Sections of a Country / World
 - Building, Bridges, and Landmarks
 - Planes, Trains, and other Vehicles
 - Organizations and other Institutions
 - Historical Events, Periods, and Documents
 - Time Abbreviations and Calendar Events
 - Special Events, Awards, and Brand names
- Singular and Plural Nouns
 - All plural forms-Add -s, -es, -ies and irregular nouns-7R
 - Singular Possessive Nouns
 - Start with singular form, add apostrophe “s” 7
 - Plural Possessive Nouns
 - Start with the plural, if the plural ends in “s” just add Apostrophe
 - For plurals that don’t end with “s”, add apostrophe “s” 7
 - Action Verbs
 - A verb may show action. 6R/7R/8R
 - Linking Verbs
 - Linking Verbs: am, is, are, was, were, be, being, been, look, feel, taste, smell, sound, become, appear, remain, stay, seem, and grow. Example: The race will be quick. 6/7R/8R
 - Helping Verbs
 - Use and identify helping verbs. 7
 - Example: The man has been traveling a lot.
 - Present Tense Verbs
 - A verb that tells about now or in the present. 7

- Past Tense Verbs
 - Past Tense Verbs and Irregular spelling patterns 7
- Future Tense Verbs
 - Distinction between shall and will. 7
- Regular and Irregular Verbs
 - Regular verbs add -ed to form the past and past participle. 7
 - Irregular verbs change their spelling to form the past and past participle and must be memorized. 7
- Past participles terminology
 - Understand the term principle parts: present, past, and past participle 7
- Present Perfect tense
 - Present Perfect tense includes have or has with the past participle.7
 - Examples: They have come to my house. He has run the race.
- Past Perfect
 - Past Perfect tense includes “had” with the past participle.7
 - Examples: He had just finished his homework when the telephone rang.
- Future Perfect
 - Future Perfect tense includes shall have or will have with the past participle. 7
- Verbs:
 - Use and identify indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional, and subjunctive verbs. 8
 - Example: Indicative: I am going to the mall.
 - Example: Subjunctive: If I were you, I would run.
 - Example: Interrogative: Will you go with me?
 - Example: Conditional: I wish he would be kinder to me.
 - Example: Imperative: Close the door.
- Active and Passive Voice
 - Active Voice is when the subject performs the action. 8
 - Passive Voice expresses the action performed upon the subject. 8

- Adjectives
 - An adjective describes a noun or pronoun. (It tells which one, how many, what kind, and how much) 7
- Adverbs
 - An adverb modifies a verb. (How?, When?, Where?, To what extent?, How much?, How often?) 7
- Comparing with Adverbs
 - Use comparing adverbs with -er, -est, or more / most and irregular (real, really, good, well) 7
- Adjective or Adverb
 - Use irregular adverbs (real, really, good, well, bad, badly) 7
- Negatives
 - Avoid double negatives. 7
- Subject-Verb Agreement
 - Agreement with singular subject, plural subject, I and you. 7
- Subject Pronouns
 - Identify and use subject pronouns: I, you (singular), he, she, it, we, you (plural), they. 6
 - Example: My friend and I went to dinner.
- Object Pronouns
 - Identify and use object pronouns 6
 - Singular: me, you, him, her, it and
 - Plural: Us, you them
 - Example: Please call me tonight. Hand that pencil to me. Hand me that pencil.
- Possessive Pronouns
 - Identify and use possessive pronouns 6
 - Example: My book was stolen.
- Intensive Pronouns
 - Identify and use intensive pronouns 6
 - Example: The players, themselves, designed their uniforms.

- Indefinite Pronouns
 - Identify and use indefinite pronouns 6
 - Example: Most of the players lost their uniforms.
- Pronoun and Antecedent Agreement
 - Identify pronoun and antecedent agreement. 6
 - Example: Amy bought her new purse.
- Contractions and Pronouns
 - Avoid using contractions as pronouns: its, it's; their, they're; your, you're) 6
- Commas
 - Commas are used for the following purposes:
 - Introductory words: Yes, I am going to the game. 6/7
 - Greeting/Salutation and Closing: Dear Bob, / Sincerely, 6/7
 - Interjection: Oh, I guess I will go. 6/7
 - Nouns in Direct Address: Michelle, are you coming with us? 6/7
 - Appositive: My mother, Barb, is cooking dinner for us. 6/7
 - Interrupters: Joe, however, did not come to the party last night. 6/7
 - To avoid confusion: Before hieroglyphics, records were not kept on paper. 6/7
 - To separate adjectives of equal rank before a noun to modify: Both father and son made a quick, daring escape. 6/7
 - Commas are used to separate a list. 6/7
 - CORRECT: Eggs, bacon, and toast
 - INCORRECT: Eggs, bacon and toast
 - Identify and use commas correctly for nonrestrictive and parenthetical elements 6/7
 - Example: The bridge, which was old, needed new steel beams.
 - Identify and use commas to separate coordinate adjectives 7
 - Example: It was a fascinating, enjoyable movie.
 - Identify and use commas to indicate a pause 8
 - Example: Into the house, crept the stalker.
- Direct Quotations
 - Use quotations marks and appropriate punctuation to identify dialogue. 6/7/8
 - Example: Captain Smith said, "Abandon the ship."
- Indirect Quotation
 - Do not use quotation marks when using an indirect quote. 6/7/8

- Example: Finally, Captain Smith told the radio operators that they should abandon their ship.
- Divided Quotation
 - Use quotations around both parts of a divided quote. 6/7/8
 - Examples:
 - “The ship,” the owner said, “is unsinkable.”
 - “The ship is unsinkable,” said the owner. “It has extra protection because of its double bottom hull.”
- Parenthesis
 - Identify and use parenthesis for nonrestrictive and parenthetical elements 6
 - Example: She found safety in the home of the neighbors (they were peaceful Quakers) who bought out the remainder of her time as a slave.
- Dashes
 - Identify and use dashes for nonrestrictive and parenthetical elements 6
 - Example: She traveled all over the country—even to the White House—speaking about abolishing slavery.
 - Identify and use dashes to indicate a pause 8
 - Example: She traveled all over the country –even to the White House—speaking about abolishing slavery.
- Ellipsis
 - Identify and use ellipsis to indicate an omission. 8
 - Example: My friend ... lost her homework.
- Phrases and Clauses
 - Identify phrases and clauses and use them correctly in writing. 8
- Dangling Modifier
 - Identify and use correctly. 8
 - Example: Running for the bus, my books fell in the mud.
- Verbals
 - Gerund—verb with “ing” used as a noun 8
 - Participles—verb with “ing” “ed” or irregulars used as an adjectives 8
 - Infinitives—“to” + verb used as nouns, adjectives, and adverbs 8

- Citations
 - Use punctuation in MLA citation accurately in works cited. 8