

Eighth Grade ELA

| Connect to science, health, and /or social studies | | | |
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| | Reading and Viewing: Process of Reading: A Literature and Culture: B; Informational Texts: D | Writing and Speaking: Process of Writing and Speaking: E Standard English Conventions F Stylistic and Rhetorical Aspects: G | Integrated Literacy Language and Images C Research Related Writing and Speaking: H |
| http://www.state.me.us/education/lres/ela.htm | | | |
| Activities | Read fiction(myths, science fiction, mysteries, realistic and historical, poems, adventure, and humor) and non-fiction(reference sources, articles, editorials, histories, biographies, autobiographies, diaries, letters, and commentaries)B 8-9) Select passages that summarize story elements (A-7) Identify main and subordinate characters (B-3) Create reading response journals Literature circles And other daily reading and discussion Write science vocabulary poem Read for a wide variety of purposes: gain knowledge, receive instructions, make decisions,enjoyment | Write to old MEA prompts (E-2; F-1) Write and deliver persuasive speech (G-4; G-9; G-10; and C-4) Write paragraphs; variety of sentence structures; word usage Edit, revise, rewrite, publish | History-related research and presentations |
| | Research science fair project (D-2; H-2; F-1; H-3) | | |
| Assessments | Poetic Theme essay B-6, 8 | Letter about Literature E-2;F-1 | Create a Bibliography H-3,7 |

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| Vocabulary | Synonym, antonym, homonym Figurative language: metaphor; simile Alliteration, onomatopoeia Root words, prefix, suffix Compare and contrast Literal, Inferential meaning Point of View Conflict Character Bias, prejudice, stereotype Fact, opinion Symbolism Genre Fiction, non fiction, Myth, science fiction Poetry, diaries, letters, journals | Write using: Imagery Plot Character development Climax Write to: persuade, explain, describe, Audience, purpose, tone Topic sentence Paragraphs Fragment, run-on Parts of speech Antecedent Agreement Punctuation: apostrophe, colon, semi-colon, hyphen | Topic Thesis Title page, preface, footnote, margin note, index, glossary, bibliography |
| Resources | Prentice Hall Literature anthology http://www.readwritethink.org/ This site allows you to search by grade spans or by standards. http://edsitement.neh.gov/ This site is not only for language arts but brings in the foreign languages as well. Aligns to the standards http://www.ceismc.gatech.edu/busyt/eng.shtml This site has lots of links to other sites of which some seem to be aligned to the standards and others are by grade span | | |

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| Quarter | 1 and 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Unit | Connect to Origins of American Government | Connect Civil War and Westward Movement | Connect to Twentieth Century |

See ELA with Social Studies Template for details of interdisciplinary connections.