

8th Grade Language Arts
Curriculum Map

September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Reading Standards for Literature									
Personal Narratives; Study of Elements of Lit. thru short stories (review most elements...focus on mood); poetry				Greek Mythology		The Price of Prejudice-- <i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry; To Kill a Mockingbird</i>		The Power of Words-- Literature of the Holocaust	
Reading Standards for Informational Text									
(in process of incorporating into research class)									
Writing Standards									
Personal Narratives; reviewing paragraph writing around a thesis statement; written book responses; review essay writing around a thesis statement; using technology to publish: wikis,		Letters about Literature	essay writing: organizing larger essays--5 para essays; creative writing: myths			essay writing: work on transitions, introductions, conclusions; creative writing: Poetry?			
standards 7-9 cover research...incorporating into research class; (in process of writing curriculum)									
Speaking and Listening Standards									
Throughout the year, evaluated through: whole class discussion of literature, literature circles, group discussions w/ student generated questions, cooperative learning groups students acting in specific roles. Students are responsible once per trimester for an oral presentation with audio-visual requirement									
Language Standards									
review sentence structures, subj-verb agreement; pronoun agreement; troublesome words; parallel structure		sentence structure patterns: SV (object vs. predicate adj)		sentence combining esp. using appositives, gerunds, participles, and infinitives for sentence variety	Verbs--tense, voice, mood		Review conventions of grammar		