

8th Grade ELA Curriculum Guide

Orange Highlight: Essential Standards that demonstrate proficiency

Unit	Estimated Duration	Content Standards	Topics	Year-Long Standards
Unit 1: A Moral Compass	9 Weeks Dates: August 29-October 20	RL. 8.2, RL. 8.4, RL.8.5, RL. 8.6, RL.8.7, RL.8.9 RI 8.2, RI.8.4, RI.8.5, RI8.5A, RI.8.6, RI.8.8, RI.8.9 W.1A, W.1B, W.1C, W.1D, W.1E, W.2A, W.4, W.7, W.8, W.9A SL.8.1A, SL.8.1B, SL.1C, SL.1D, SL.8.2, SL.8.3, SL.8.4, SL.8.4A, SL.8.5, SL8.6 L.8.1A, L.8.1C, L.8.1D, L.8.2A, L.8.2B, L.8.2C, L.8.5B, L.8.5C IA.1, IA.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informational Texts • Using and Citing Text Evidence • Research Presentations • Sentence Writing Strategies • Anchor Text: Tom Sawyer 	RL RI W SL L
Unit 2: Differentiated Novel Studies (Out of My Mind, Lord of the Flies, To Kill a Mockingbird)	6 Weeks Dates: October 21-January 6	RL8.1, RL. 8.2, RL.8.3, RL.8.4, RL.8.6, RL.8.7, RL.8.9 RI.8.3 W.8.2 , W.8.4, W.8.9, W.8.10 SL.8.1, SL.8.4, SL.8.6 L.8.1, L.8.2, L.8.3, L.8.4, L.8.5, L.8.6 IA.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literary texts • Themes • Figurative language • Symbolism • Discussion • Text Evidence • Vocabulary 	RL RI W SL L
Unit 3: Time of War	9 Weeks Dates: January 10-March 16	RL8.1, RL.8.2 , RL.8.3, RL.8.6, RL.8.7 RI.8.1, RI.8.2, RI.8.3, RI.8.6, RI.8.7, RI.8.8, RI.8.9 IA.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citing and Using Text Evidence • Argumentative Writing 	RL RI W SL

		<p>W.8.1.A, W.8.1.B, W.8.1.C, W.8.1.D, W.8.1.E, W.8.4, W.8.7, W.8.8, W.8.9.B</p> <p>SL.8.1.A, SL.8.1.B, SL.8.1.C, SL.8.1.D, SL.8.2, SL.8.3, SL.8.4, SL.8.4.A, SL.8.5, SL.8.6</p> <p>L.8.1.A, L.8.1.B, L.8.1.C, L.8.1.D, L.8.2.A, L.8.3.A, L.8.5.A</p> <p>IA.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborative Discussions • KU Theme/Tower Writing • Anchor Text: Anne Frank 	L
Unit 4: Novel Study (Ender's Game)	6 Weeks Date: March 27-May 26	<p>RL.8.1, RL.8.2, RL.8.3, RL.8.4</p> <p>RI.8.3, RI. 8.4, SL.8.1, SL.8.4</p> <p>W.8.3, W.8.4, W.8.5, W.8.8, W.8.9, W.8.10</p> <p>L.8.1, L.8.2, L.8.3, L.8.4, L.8.5, L.8.6</p> <p>IA.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Characterization • Theme • Drawing Comparisons • Allusions • Vocabulary 	RL RI W SL L