Grade 8	Unit 1: Stealing Freedom		Suggested Length: 3 weeks
Essential Questions	Collaboration with Social Studies Program of Studies and Core Content	Key Terms and Vocabulary	Classroom Instruction and Assessment Student will:
	Program of Studies		Simon viii
What was the Underground Railroad?	□ ELA 8 –R-1 read and understand a variety of materials, making connections to students' lives, to real world issues, and/or to current events.	□ Setting □ Novel □ Point of View □ Theme	☐ Compare and Contrast information from the novel to actual historical events through class discussions and Venn diagram. DOK 4
2. What were some conflicts that runaway slaves could've	☐ ELA 8-R-2 apply an understanding of literary elements (e.g., characters, setting, conflict/resolution, theme, point of view), techniques (e.g., figurative language, foreshadowing,	□ Point of View□ Summarize□ Conflict□ Plot	☐ Learn new vocabulary words through study of the words, how they are used, and vocabulary practice. DOK
faced?	characterization), and styles to interpret different genres (e.g., novels, essays, short	Real-World Issues Reflect	☐ Look at a runaway slave advertisement and answer discussion question. DOK 3
3. How has slavery affected life today?	stories, poetry, drama). ELA-8-R-8 interpret how meaning is influenced by authors' use of language including dialect, word choice, and sentence	☐ Compare ☐ Contrast	☐ Use those vocabulary words in written assignments and class participation discussions. DOK 3
4. How did our local area play a role in the Underground	structure. ELA-8-W-1 respond to materials read and concerns relevant to students' lives and the lives of others in society through applying		Analyze actions and thoughts of main character with events in the novel by answering higher order thinking questions in a study guide format. DOK 3
Railroad?	writing-to-learn strategies and writing-to-demonstrate-learning strategies (additional supporting Academic Expectations 1.10, 5.1, 6.3).		☐ Look at how the author used elements of fiction, word choice, sentence style, and sensory details to create atmosphere by analyzing sections from the novel. DOK 1
	Core Content		Students analyze your how their life would change as an escaped slave and write journal entries as an escaped slave. DOK 3
	 □ RD-O8-2.0.4 Students will locate key ideas or information in a passage. DOK 1 □ RD-O8-2.0.6 Students will apply the information contained in a passage to accomplish a task/procedure or answer 		Analyze Charles T. Webber's painting, The Underground Railroad. Engage in class discussion about freedom. DOK 3
	questions about a passage. RD-08-3.0.1 Students will analyze the relationship between a speaker's or		Reflect on reading and answer questions: short answer, multiple choice, and open response. DOK 3
	character's motivation and behavior in a passage, as revealed by the dilemmas. DOK		☐ Take CATS like assessment on the novel, includes multiple choice and open response question. DOK 3

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	Collaboration with Social Studies		
Essential Questions	Program of Studies and Core Content	Key Terms and Vocabulary	Classroom Instruction and Assessment
			Student will:
	☐ RD-O8-3.0.3 Students will explain or		
	analyze how a conflict in a passage is		
	resolved. DOK 3		
	☐ RD-O8-5.0.2 Students will interpret the use		
	of literary elements (e.g., characterization,		
	setting, plot, theme, point of view) in a		
	passage. DOK 3		
	RD-O8-5.0.6 Students will compare and		
	contrast elements, views, ideas or events		
	presented in one or more passages.		

Grade 8	Unit 2: Poetry		Suggested Length: 3 weeks
Essential Questions	Program of Studies and Core Content	Key Terms and Vocabulary	Classroom Instruction and <u>Assessment</u> Student will:
	Program of Studies		
What are different forms of poetry and how are they written? What are server.	 □ ELA-8-R-8 interpret how meaning is influenced by authors' use of language including dialect, word choice, and sentence structure. □ ELA-8-W-2 access technology and other resources to learn and to write, developing 	☐ Alliteration ☐ Assonance ☐ Imagery ☐ Metaphor ☐ Mood ☐ Onomatopoeia	 Explore a poetry web quest online and answer questions about poetic devices. DOK 2 Learn the meanings of figurative language and poetic devices through examples, practice, and writing them in their own poems. DOK 2
2. Who are some famous poets and how did they contribute to the genre?	 independent ideas, synthesizing information to support ideas, and using appropriate source citations. □ ELA-8-W-7 critique their own and others' works based on criteria for effective writing, 	 □ Personification □ Point of View □ Repetition □ Rhyme □ Rhetorical Question 	 □ Read and analyze various forms of poetry: haiku, free verse, cinquain, sonnets etc. DOK 2 □ Discuss how poetry is different from other writing
3. How are poetic devices and figurative language used in the genre of poetry?	including awareness of audience and purpose, organization, idea development, and standards of correctness (e.g., mechanics, grammar, spelling). AH (1.2, 2.23) Explain how an author uses the elements of literature (plot and structure, characters, setting, point of view, language	☐ Simile ☐ Stanza ☐ Theme ☐ Tone ☐ Couplet ☐ Triplet ☐ Cinquain ☐ Heibn	genres and make a graphic organizer exampling the types of poetry. DOK 2 Write various forms of poetry by using the writing process for pleasure and portfolio use WP-Literary. DOK 2
4. What makes poetry different	and style, and theme) to create literary work.	☐ Haiku☐ Quatrain☐ Sonnet	Analyze several forms of poetry by individual and class readings, and reflect on the author's style and word choice. DOK 3

Grade 8	Unit 2: Poetry		Suggested Length: 3 weeks
Essential Questions	Program of Studies and Core Content	Key Terms and Vocabulary	Classroom Instruction and Assessment Student will:
from other genres?	Core Content □ RD-O8-2.0.2 Students will identify and explain the characteristics of short stories, novels, poetry or plays. DOK 2 □ RD-O8-2.0.5 Students will paraphrase information from a paragraph, a section of a passage or an entire passage. DOK 2 □ RD-O8-2.0.7 Students will make predictions, draw conclusions, make generalizations or make inferences based on what is read. DOK 3 □ RD-O8-3.0.4 Students will analyze the use of details that support the main idea or explain their importance in a passage. DOK 3 □ RD-O8-5.0.3 Students will identify and explain the use of literary devices (e.g., symbolism, irony, analogies, imagery, foreshadowing, figurative language). DOK 3 □ RD-O8-5.0.4 Students will analyze the author's use of literary devices in a passage (e.g., symbolism, irony, analogies, imagery, figurative language). □ WR-08-1.1.2 In Personal Expressive Writing, □ Students will communicate the significance of the writer's life experience by narrating about life events, relationships, or central ideas. □ Students will apply the characteristics of the selected form (e.g., personal narrative, personal memoir, personal essay). □ Students will sustain point of view. □ Students will sustain a suitable tone or appropriate voice.	Poetic Devices Poetry Figurative Language Hyperbole Predictions Conclusions	Take multiple choice, short answer and open response, assessment on the different forms of poetry and poetic devices. DOK 2

Grade 8	Unit 2: Poetry		Suggested Length: 3 weeks
Essential Questions	Program of Studies and Core Content	Key Terms and Vocabulary	Classroom Instruction and Assessment
	 □ WR-08-1.2.2 In Personal Expressive/Literary Writing, □ Students will communicate theme/main idea through use of literary elements appropriate to the genre: □ Students will develop characters (fictional/non-fictional) through thoughts, emotions, actions, descriptions, or dialogue when appropriate. □ Students will develop plot/story line appropriate to the form. □ Students will develop an appropriate setting, mood, scene, image, feeling, or story line. □ Students will incorporate literary or poetic devices (e.g., simile, metaphor, personification) when appropriate. □ Students will incorporate reflection or insight. 		Student will:
	 □ WR-08-2.3.2 In Personal Expressive/Literary Writing, □ Students will engage the interest of the reader. □ Students will communicate ideas and details in meaningful order. □ Students will apply organizational devices (e.g., foreshadowing, flashback) when appropriate. □ Students will apply a variety of transitions or transitional elements between ideas and details to guide the reader. □ Students will apply paragraphs effectively. □ Students will arrange poetic stanzas in a way that enhances the meaning through the use of white space, line breaks, and 		

Grade 8	Unit 2: Poetry	Suggested Length: 3 weeks		
Essential Questions	Program of Studies and Core Content	Key Terms and Vocabulary	Classroom Instruction and Assessment Student will:	
	shape. Students will create conclusions effectively.			
	 □ WR-M-2.4.0 Sentence Structure: Students will create effective sentences by □ Applying a variety of structures and lengths □ Developing complete and correct sentences unless using unconventional structures for effect when appropriate DOK 3 			
	 □ WR-08-2.4.1 In Reflective Writing, □ Students will develop sentences of various structures and lengths throughout the piece. □ Students will develop complete sentences or apply unconventional structures when appropriate. 			
	 □ WR-08-2.4.2 In Personal Expressive/Literary Writing, □ Students will develop sentences of various structures and lengths throughout the piece. □ Students will develop complete sentences or apply unconventional structures for an intentional effect when appropriate. □ Students will arrange poetic language in meaningful order. □ Students will apply poetic line breaks effectively. 			
	 □ WR-08-3.5.2 In Personal Expressive/Literary Writing, □ Students will adhere to standard guidelines for usage and grammar or use nonstandard for effect. 			

Grade 8	Unit 2: Poetry		Suggested Length: 3 weeks
Essential Questions	Program of Studies and Core Content	Key Terms and Vocabulary	Classroom Instruction and <u>Assessment</u> Student will:
	 Students will incorporate language based on economy, precision, richness, or impact on the reader. Students will develop ideas through descriptive or figurative language. 		

Grade 8		Unit 3: Propaganda/ Persuasive Techniques			Su	ggested Length: 4 weeks
I	Essential Questions	Program of Studies and Core Content	K	ey Terms and Vocabulary	Sti	Classroom Instruction and Assessment udent will:
		Program of Studies			511	auch vui.
1.	What is propaganda? What are some types of advertising techniques and	 □ ELA-8-R-1 read and understand a variety of materials, making connections to students' lives, to real world issues, and/or to current events. □ ELA-8-R-5 identify and analyze authors' positions, main ideas, and techniques of support in persuasive materials. 		Propaganda Slogan Bandwagon Repetition Celebrity Endorsement Free and Bargain Misinformation		Identify and discuss familiar advertising symbols/ slogans from our media today by scanning to find the information. DOK 1 Classify different types of propaganda based on the goals of the advertiser and formulating questions about the advertisements. DOK 1
	why do companies and advertisers use these techniques?	□ ELA-8-W-1 respond to materials read and concerns relevant to students' lives and the lives of others in society through applying writing-to-learn strategies and writing-to-demonstrate-learning strategies (additional supporting Academic Expectations 1.10, 5.1,		Brand Name Sex Appeal Quality Claims Comparisons Testimonial Bias		Look at magazines and pick and choose different types of advertisements. Then describe how they use persuasive techniques. DOK 2 Analyze real advertisements and commercials on video
3.	What are different forms	6.3).]	Statistics Expert Opinion		and discuss what types of propaganda they use DOK 2
4.	of persuasion? Why do people	Core Content		Argument Analyze Generalizations		Create impromptu commercials using knowledge of propaganda. DOK 3
	need to be aware of propaganda and persuasive	 □ RD-O8-1.0.4 Students will formulate questions to guide reading. □ RD-O8-1.0.5 Students will scan to find key information. 		Skim/Scan Persuasive Evaluate		Fill out graphic organizer for the vocab. word "propaganda" and the eight types studied using the FRAYER MODEL for vocabulary. DOK 2
5.	techniques?	□ RD-O8-1.0.7 Students will interpret literal and non-literal meanings of words or phrases based on context. DOK 2 □ RD-O8-1.0.8 Students will interpret the				Watch and analyze video called "Psycho Sell" on how advertising appeals to people mentally and answer Higher Order Thinking Questions on the information. DOK 2

Grade 8	Unit 3: Propaganda/ Persuasive Techniques		Suggested Length: 4 weeks
Essential Questions	Program of Studies and Core Content	Key Terms and Vocabulary	Classroom Instruction and <u>Assessment</u> Student will:
an everyday basis and how can students create it?	meaning of jargon, dialect or specialized vocabulary used in a passage. DOK 2 RD-O8-3.0.8 Students will explain an author's argument or identify evidence from the passage to support the author's argument. DOK 3 RD-O8-3.0.9 Students will identify persuasive techniques (e.g., expert opinion, logical/emotional/ethical appeal, repetition, rhetorical question allusion) or propaganda techniques (e.g., testimonial, bandwagon, personal attack) or explain how each is used. DOK 2 RD-O8-5.0.5 Students will evaluate author's word choice, style, content or use of literary elements. DOK 3 RD-O8-5.0.7 Students will evaluate the effectiveness of organization or format in fulfilling the purpose of a passage.		 □ Work in groups to create an original commercial with slogan and at least one type of propaganda and by using the rubric provided. Perform commercial in front of class. DOK 3 □ Take written assessment on propaganda: CATS LIKE. DOK 2 □ Write Persuasive Paper to Parents using techniques. DOK 3
	 □ WR-08-1.2.3 In Transactive Writing, □ Students will communicate relevant information to clarify and justify a specific purpose. □ Students will develop a deliberate angle with support (e.g., facts, examples, reasons, comparisons, diagrams, charts, other visuals). □ Students will develop explanations to support the writer's purpose. □ Students will apply research to support ideas with facts and opinions. □ Students will incorporate persuasive techniques (e.g., expert opinion, emotional/logical/ethical appeal, repetition, rhetorical question) or propaganda techniques (e.g., testimonial, bandwagon, personal attacks) when appropriate. 		

Grade 8	Unit 4: Preparing for the Real World		Suggested Length: 2 weeks
Essential Questions	Program of Studies and Core Content	Key Terms and Vocabulary	Classroom Instruction and Assessment Student will:
	Program of Studies		Student wiii:
1. What are the	☐ ELA-8-W-1 respond to materials read and	☐ Communication	☐ Analyze a variety of workplace forms, and paperwork
common traits of successful people?	concerns relevant to students' lives and the lives of others in society through applying writing-to-learn strategies and writing-to-	☐ Jargon ☐ Information ☐ Subheading	and use those forms correctly. DOK 3 Discuss the layout and specialized vocabulary contained
2. What are the	demonstrate-learning strategies (additional supporting Academic Expectations 1.10, 5.1,	☐ Bullets ☐ White Space	within each one. DOK 3
traditional forms,	6.3). □ ELA-8-R-1 read and understand a variety of	☐ Charts ☐ Diagrams	Read book, <u>Teenagers Preparing for the Real World</u> and answer discussion questions on what is read. DOK 2
organizational features, and text features of	materials, making connections to students' lives, to real world issues, and/or to current events.	Captions	☐ Analyze wage earning of dropouts compared to others. DOK 1
real world documents?	☐ ELA-8-R-3 analyze transactive reading material (informational, practical/workplace, and persuasive) to create responses through		☐ Answer CATS like multiple-choice test over the book. DOK 2
3. What are the meanings of workplace	addressing issues, confirming predictions, paraphrasing information to support ideas, and formulating/supporting opinions.		Answer CATS like open response question about workplace writing. DOK 2
jargon?	☐ ELA-8-R-4 evaluate the effectiveness of techniques and organizational aids (e.g.,		
4. Why is it important to use	bullets, lists, layout, embedded visuals) in transactive reading materials to enhance		
these documents	understanding and to complete tasks.		
accurately?	Core Content		
5. Why is good communication	□ RD-O8-1.0.6 Students will skim to get the		
so important?	general meaning of a passage.		
6. What are your	RD-O8-3.07 Students will identify or explain an author's position based on evidence in a		
career options?	passage.		
	RD-O8-5.0.7 Students will evaluate the		
	effectiveness of organization or format in fulfilling the purpose of a passage.		
	□ RD-O8-5.0.8 Students will explain or		

Grade 8	Unit 4: Preparing for the Real World		Suggested Length: 2 weeks
Essential Questions	Program of Studies and Core Content	Key Terms and Vocabulary	Classroom Instruction and <u>Assessment</u> Student will:
	analyze how the use of text features (e.g., subheadings, bullets, fonts, white space, layout, charts, diagrams, labels, pictures, and captions) enhances the reader's understanding of a passage. DOK 3		

Grade 8		Unit 5: Diary of Anne Frank: The Play		Suggested Length: 4 weeks		ggested Length: 4 weeks
]	Essential Questions	Dramas Program of Studies and Core Content	Key Terms and Vocabulary		Classroom Instruction and Assessment	
		o ,				udent will:
		Program of Studies				
1.	What are the various elements of drama used in	☐ ELA-8-R-1 read and understand a variety of materials, making connections to students' lives, to real world issues, and/or to current events.		Set Props Playwright Synopsis		Watch and analyze video on the Holocaust to establish background knowledge and answer open response question. DOK 3
2.	plays? What makes drama different	☐ ELA-8-R-2 apply an understanding of literary elements (e.g., characters, setting, conflict/resolution, theme, point of view), techniques (e.g., figurative language, foreshadowing,		Monologue Soliloquy Pantomime Characters		Analyze photos online from concentration camps and discuss the realities of WWII. How does it affect students' emotions? DOK 3
	from other genres?	characterization), and styles to interpret different genres (e.g., novels, essays, short stories, poetry, drama).		Conflict Resolution Theme		Night's Dream. DOK 3
3.	What was the Holocaust and when did it occur? What	☐ ELA-8-W-1 respond to materials read and concerns relevant to students' lives and the lives of others in society through applying writing-to-learn strategies and writing-to-		Diary Flashback Foreshadow Drama		Interpret Drama Vocabulary as it pertains to this play and use drama vocabulary in questions about the play. DOK 2
	effects did the Holocaust have on the lives of	demonstrate-learning strategies (additional supporting Academic Expectations 1.10, 5.1, 6.3).				questions on the play in a study guide format. DOK 3
	those in the play?	Core Content				Read drama aloud; alternating parts in the play while students utilize drama performance techniques. DOK 2
4.	Why has Anne Frank's diary survived as an	 □ RD-O8-2.0.1 Students will explain the main idea of a passage. DOK 3 □ RD-O8-2.0.2 Students will identify and 				Compare and contrast the play to actual events during the Holocaust. DOK 3
	important literary work?	explain the characteristics of short stories, novels, poetry or plays, DOK 2				<u>Take written assessment on elements of drama: CATS-</u> multiple choice and open response format. DOK 2

Grade 8	Dramas			
Essential Questions	Program of Studies and Core Content	Key Terms and Vocabulary	Classroom Instruction and Assessment Student will:	
	□ RD-O8-3.0.1 Students will analyze the relationship between a speaker's or character's motivation and behavior in a passage, as revealed by the dilemmas. DOK 3		Students write a script of their own utilizing the elements of drama. WP- Literary. DOK 3	
	□ RD-O8-3.0.2 Students will identify or explain an author's purpose in a passage. DOK 2 □ RD-O8-4.0.2 Students will use evidence from			
	a passage to formulate opinions in response to a reading passage.			
	 □ WR-M-1.2.0 Idea Development/Support: Students will support main ideas and deepen the audience's understanding of purpose by □ Developing logical, justified, and suitable explanations □ Providing relevant elaboration □ Explaining related connections or reflections □ Applying idea development strategies appropriate to the form 			
	 □ WR-08-1.2.2 In Personal Expressive/Literary Writing, □ Students will communicate theme/main idea through use of literary elements appropriate to the genre: □ Students will develop characters (fictional/non-fictional) through thoughts, emotions, actions, descriptions, or dialogue when appropriate. □ Students will develop plot/story line appropriate to the form. □ Students will develop an appropriate setting, mood, scene, image, feeling, or story line. 			

Grade 8	Unit 5: Diary of Anne Frank: The Play		Suggested Length: 4 weeks
	Dramas		
Essential Questions	Program of Studies and Core Content	Key Terms and Vocabulary	Classroom Instruction and <u>Assessment</u> Student will:
	 Students will incorporate literary or poetic devices (e.g., simile, metaphor, personification) when appropriate. Students will incorporate reflection or insight. 		
	 □ WR-08-2.4.2 In Personal Expressive/Literary Writing, □ Students will develop sentences of various structures and lengths throughout the piece. □ Students will develop complete sentences or apply unconventional structures for an intentional effect when appropriate. □ Students will arrange language in meaningful order. 		
	 □ WR-08-3.5.2 In Personal Expressive/Literary Writing, □ Students will adhere to standard guidelines for usage and grammar or use nonstandard for effect. □ Students will incorporate language based on economy, precision, richness, or impact on the reader. □ Students will develop ideas through descriptive or figurative language. 		
Grade 8	Unit 6: Building Vocabulary		Suggested Length: 3 weeks
Essential Questions	Program of Studies and Core Content	Key Terms and Vocabulary	Classroom Instruction and <u>Assessment</u> Student will:
Why is a large vocabulary important?	Core Content □ RD-O8-1.0.1 Students will apply knowledge of synonyms or antonyms to comprehend a	□ Synonym □ Antonym □ Context clues	☐ Students will compare/contrast using several techniques including the Venn Diagram and Tables. DOK 3

Grade 8	Unit 6: Building Vocabulary	Suggested Length: 3 weeks		
Essential Questions	Program of Studies and Core Content	Key Terms and Vocabulary	Classroom Instruction and Assessment Student will:	
 What are some techniques to build your vocab? What are some commonly misused words? What are some commonly misspelled words? 	 □ RD-O8-1.0.2 Students will select, based on context, the appropriate meaning for a word that has multiple meanings. DOK 2 □ RD-O8-1.0.3 Students will apply the meanings of word parts (prefixes, suffixes, roots) to comprehend unfamiliar words in a passage. □ RD-O8-1.0.7 Students will interpret literal and non-literal meanings of words or phrases based on context. DOK 2 □ RD-O8-5.0.9 Students will analyze the organizational patterns (cause and effect, comparison, contrast, sequence, generalizations) in a passage. Spelling □ WR-08-4.11.23-Students will apply knowledge of spelling patterns, generalizations, and rules to commonly used words. DOK 1 □ WR-08-4.11.24-Students will apply knowledge of spelling patterns, generalizations, and rules to plural forms of words. DOK 1 □ WR-08-4.11.25-Students will apply knowledge of spelling patterns, generalizations and rules to contractions. DOK 1 □ WR-08-4.11.26-Students will apply knowledge of spelling patterns, generalizations and rules to change verb endings. DOK 1 	Comparison Contrast Cause and Effect Definition Homonyms Homophones Homographs Connotation Denotation Prefix Suffix	homographs in order to complete a task. DOK 2 Students will do assignments using prefixes, suffixes, and roots in order to complete a task. DOK 2 Students list synonyms and antonyms for words in order to complete a task. DOK 2 Students will use word parts in order to understand the meanings of new words. DOK 2 Students will interpret literal and non-literal meanings by using context clues. DOK 2 Students will practice the daily use of commonly misspelled words and commonly misused words. DOK 1	

Grade 8	Unit 7: Flowers for Algernon: A short story		Suggested Length: 3 weeks
Essential Questions	Program of Studies and Core Content	Key Terms and Vocabulary	Classroom Instruction and <u>Assessment</u> Student will:
	Program of Studies		

Grade 8	Unit 7: Flowers for Algernon: A short story		Suggested Length: 3 weeks
Essential Questions	Program of Studies and Core Content	Key Terms and Vocabulary	Classroom Instruction and Assessment
			Student will:
1. What makes fiction different from other genres?	☐ ELA-8-R-1 read and understand a variety of materials, making connections to students' lives, to real world issues, and/or to current events.	□ Short story □ Characterization □ Plot □ Conflict	Reflect on reading and answer higher order thinking questions in a study guide format and analyze the elements of fiction as they are used in this story. DOK 2
2. How are the elements of	☐ ELA-8-R-2 apply an understanding of literary elements (e.g., characters, setting, conflict/resolution, theme, point of view), techniques	☐ Climax ☐ Resolution ☐ Dialogue	☐ Discuss the differences between fiction and other types of writing. DOK 2
fiction used in short stories? 3. What are some	(e.g., figurative language, foreshadowing, characterization), and styles to interpret different genres (e.g., novels, essays, short stories, poetry, drama).	☐ Dialect ☐ Foreshadow ☐ Symbolism	Read information reading on psychiatric tests as they pertain to the story such as the Rorshach test and as a result, students create their own inkblots using paint and paper. DOK 3
specific vocabulary used	Stories, poetry, arama). □ ELA-8-R-3 analyze transactive reading material (informational, practical/workplace,		□ Choose an activity based on multiple intelligences that
when dealing with the learning	and persuasive) to create responses through addressing issues, confirming predictions, paraphrasing information to support ideas,		analyzes their own inkblot and complete the assignment. DOK 3
disabled? 4. How did the	and formulating/supporting opinions. ELA-8-R-8 interpret how meaning is influenced by authors' use of language		Analyze various types of information on learning disabilities and compile information in order to complete tasks such as discussion questions. DOK 2
author use word	including dialect, word choice, and sentence structure.		☐ Learn new and specialized vocabulary from the story
sentence style to create a character and what is the theme of this	ELA-8-W-1 respond to materials read and concerns relevant to students' lives and the lives of others in society through applying writing-to-learn strategies and writing-to-demonstrate-learning strategies (additional		and also from informational articles by using that vocabulary in classroom activities and assignments. DOK 2
story?	supporting Academic Expectations 1.10, 5.1, 6.3).		Watch video version of the story: compare and contrast the movie to the short story. DOK 2
	☐ ELA-8-W-5 write personal pieces to communicate ideas.		Take written assessment: open response, multiple choice, and short answer: CATS like assessment. DOK 2.
	Core Content		_
	 □ RD-O8-1.0.8 Students will interpret the meaning of jargon, dialect or specialized vocabulary used in a passage. DOK 2 □ RD-O8-2.0.2 Students will identify and 		

Grade 8	Unit 7: Flowers for Algernon: A short story		Suggested Length: 3 weeks
Essential Questions	Program of Studies and Core Content	Key Terms and Vocabulary	Classroom Instruction and <u>Assessment</u>
	explain the characteristics of short stories, novels, poetry or plays. DOK 2 RD-O8-2.0.6 Students will apply the information contained in a passage to accomplish a task/procedure or answer questions about a passage. RD-O8-3.0.1 Students will analyze the relationship between a speaker's or character's motivation and behavior in a passage, as revealed by the dilemmas. DOK 3 RD-O8-3.0.3 Students will explain or analyze how a conflict in a passage is resolved. DOK 3 RD-O8-5.0.5 Students will evaluate author's word choice, style, content or use of literary elements. DOK 3		Student will:

Grade 8	Unit 8: Holes: A novel		Suggested Length: 3 weeks
Essential Questions	Program of Studies and Core Content Key Terms and Vocabulary		Classroom Instruction and Assessment
	Program of Studies		Student will:
How are the elements of fiction used in	☐ ELA-8-W-1 respond to materials read and concerns relevant to students' lives and the lives of others in society through applying	☐ Plot☐ Characters☐ Setting	Read and analyze fictional novel, <i>Holes</i> and events that happen in the plot. DOK 2
this novel?	writing-to-learn strategies and writing-to- demonstrate-learning strategies (additional	☐ Conflicts☐ Internal☐	Learn vocabulary words from the novel by completing vocabulary practice and playing vocabulary bingo. DOK
2. What are plot, climax, setting,	supporting Academic Expectations 1.10, 5.1, 6.3).	☐ External ☐ Fiction	2
characters, conflict, complications,	□ ELA-8-W-2 access technology and other resources to learn and to write, developing independent ideas, synthesizing information	□ Brochure □ Newsletter	☐ Use new vocabulary in everyday speaking, class discussions, and written assignments. DOK 2
and resolution?	to support ideas, and using appropriate source citations.		Analyze and answer higher order thinking questions about the novel and elements of fiction, using Bloom's
3. How does the author achieve a	☐ ELA-8-W-3 write transactive pieces (writing produced for authentic purposes and		Taxonomy. DOK 3

Grade 8	Unit 8: Holes: A novel		Suggested Length: 3 weeks		
Essential Questions	Program of Studies and Core Content Key Terms and Vocal		y Classroom Instruction and <u>Assessment</u> Student will:		
tie between characters and the plot? 4. What is bullying and how does it affect my life? 5. What is the Newberry Award?	audiences beyond completing an assignment to demonstrate learning) that demonstrate independent thinking about literature, issues, and events relevant to students' lives. □ ELA-8-W-7 critique their own and others' works based on criteria for effective writing, including awareness of audience and purpose, organization, idea development, and standards of correctness (e.g., mechanics, grammar, spelling). □ ELA-8-R-2 apply an understanding of literary elements (e.g., characters, setting, conflict/resolution, theme, point of view), techniques (e.g., figurative language, foreshadowing,		 □ Answer one open response questions about bullies, applying it to one's own life. DOK 3 □ Examine how the main character is bullied in the novel and apply to students' own lives. DOK 3 □ Students analyze the plot and other elements of fiction as they pertain to the novel and make plot outline using setting, characters, conflicts, climax and resolution. DOK 2 □ Take CATS like objective and higher order thinking test in groups. DOK 2 		
	 characterization), and styles to interpret different genres (e.g., novels, essays, short stories, poetry, drama). □ AH 5.1.31 analyze the characters' actions, considering their situations and basic motivations. (1.2, 2.24, 2.25) 		Create a brochure or newsletter of their "own Camp Green Lake" WP-transactive. DOK 3		
	Core Content				
	 □ RD-O8-2.0.2 Students will identify and explain the characteristics of short stories, novels, poetry or plays. DOK 2 □ RD-O8-3.0.1 Students will analyze the relationship between a speaker's or character's motivation and behavior in a passage, as revealed by the dilemmas. DOK 3 □ RD-08.3.0.3 Students will explain or analyze how a conflict in a passage is resolved. DOK 3 □ RD-O8-3.0.4 Students will analyze the use of details that support the main idea or explain their importance in a passage. DOK 3 				

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Essential Questions	Program of Studies and Core Content	Key Terms and Vocabulary	Classroom Instruction and <u>Assessment</u> Student will:			
	 □ WR-08-1.1.3 In Transactive Writing, □ Students will communicate a purpose through informing, persuading, or analyzing. □ Students will develop an effective angle to achieve purpose. □ Students will communicate as an informed writer to clarify what the reader should know, do, or believe as a result of reading the piece. □ Students will apply characteristics of the selected form (e.g., letter, feature article, editorial, speech). □ Students will sustain a suitable tone. □ Students will allow voice to emerge when appropriate. 					
	 □ WR-M-2.3.0 Organization: Students will create unity and coherence to accomplish the focused purpose by □ Engaging the audience □ Establishing a context for reading when appropriate □ Communicating ideas and support in a meaningful order □ Applying transitions and transitional elements to guide the reader through the piece □ Developing effective closure DOK 3 					
	 □ WR-08-2.3.3 In Transactive Writing, □ Students will establish a context for reading. □ Students will apply the accepted format of the genre. □ Students will develop an appropriate text structure (e.g., cause/effect, problem/solution, question/answer, 					

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Essential Questions	Program of Studies and Core Content	Key Terms and Vocabulary	Classroom Instruction and Assessment Student will:
	comparison/contrast, description, sequence) to achieve purpose. Students will arrange ideas and details in a logical, meaningful order by using a variety of transitions or transitional elements between ideas and details. Students will apply paragraphing effectively. Students will incorporate text features (e.g., subheadings, bullets, fonts, white space, layout, charts, diagrams, labels, pictures, captions) when appropriate. Students will create conclusions effectively.		
	□ WR-08-2.4.3 In Transactive Writing, □ Students will develop complete, concise sentences or apply unconventional structures when appropriate.		
	 □ WR-08-3.5.3 In Transactive Writing, □ Students will adhere to standard guidelines for usage and grammar. □ Students will apply precise word choice. □ Students will incorporate the specialized vocabulary of the discipline/content appropriate to the purpose and audience. 		
	 □ WR-M-3.6.0 Correctness: Students will communicate clearly by □ Applying correct spelling □ Applying correct punctuation □ Applying correct capitalization □ Incorporating acceptable departure from standard correctness to enhance meaning when appropriate □ Incorporating appropriate documentation of ideas and information from outside sources (e.g., 		

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Essential Questions	Program of Studies and Core Content	Key Terms and Vocabulary	Classroom Instruction and Assessment Student will:
	citing authors or titles within the text, listing sources) DOK 2		

Gr	ade 8	Unit 9: Out of the Dust: A Novel				Suggested Length: 3 weeks	
Essential Questions		Prog	gram of Studies and Core Content	K	Key Terms and Vocabulary Classroom Instruction and Assessment Student will:		
		Program of	Studies				
1.	What was the Dust Bowl and where did it occur?	materia	R-1 read and understand a variety of ls, making connections to students' real world issues, and/or to current		Atmosphere Setting Characters Climax		Evaluate what free verse poetry is and how to write it by analyzing the form written by various authors. DOK 4 Write several examples free verse poetry. DOK 3
2.	How did the Dust Bowl and Depression	□ ELA-8-1 element resolution	R-2 apply an understanding of literary s (e.g., characters, setting, conflict/on, theme, point of view), techniques gurative language, foreshadowing,		Conflict Dialogue Plot Point of view		Read and analyze historical fiction novel, <i>Out of the Dust</i> that is written in free verse poetry. DOK 2
	affect people's lives?	characte differen stories,	erization), and styles to interpret t genres (e.g., novels, essays, short poetry, drama).		Resolution Symbolism Theme		Watch informational video on the dust bowl and answer higher order questions on that time period. DOK 3 Examine how the Dust Bowl and The Depression
3.	How are literary elements used in the novel?	materia and per	R-3 analyze transactive reading l (informational, practical/workplace, suasive) to create responses through				affected peoples' lives by answering discussion questions. DOK 3
4.	What is free verse poetry?	paraphr and forr	ing issues, confirming predictions, casing information to support ideas, mulating/supporting opinions. R-5 identify and analyze authors'				Examine literary elements used in the novel such as symbolism, dialect, and characters and their impact on the novel. DOK 2
5.	How does free verse poetry add to the novel?	position support ELA-8-1	is, main ideas, and techniques of in persuasive materials. R-8 interpret how meaning is the death of the control of the contro				Learn new vocabulary from the novel by doing vocabulary activities such a bingo, vocab. Practice worksheets and using them in class discussions. DOK 2
6.		includin structur	g dialect, word choice, and sentence				Answer at least one on demand writing assignment on the novel and Dust Bowl culture. DOK 3
	And What items in the novel are symbols?	concern lives of writing-	s relevant to students' lives and the others in society through applying to-learn strategies and writing-to-trate-learning strategies (additional				Listen and evaluate culturally relevant songs recorded during that time by Woody Guthrie "Dust Bowl Ballads" to answer open response. DOK 3

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Essential Questions	Program of Studies and Core Content	Key Terms and Vocabulary	Classroom Instruction and <u>Assessment</u> Student will:
7. What is dialect and how is it used?	supporting Academic Expectations 1.10, 5.1, 6.3). □ ELA-8-W-4 write literary pieces reflecting elements of genres read and techniques, styles, themes, and topics of accomplished writers.		Students will write reflective pieces such as journal entries based on the experiences that they learn about. The "Okie", the "Migrant, " the "Destitute," and the farmer. DOK 3 Take assessment: CATS like format. DOK 2
	Core Content D. DD OS 1.0.8 Students will interpret the		
	□ RD-O8-1.0.8 Students will interpret the meaning of jargon, dialect or specialized vocabulary used in a passage. DOK 2 □ RD-O8-3.0.1 Students will analyze the relationship between a speaker's or character's motivation and behavior in a passage, as revealed by the dilemmas. DOK		
	RD-O8-4.0.1 Students will connect information from a passage to students' lives (text-to-self), real world issues (text-to-world), and other texts (text-to-text - e.g., novel, short story, song, film, website, etc.). RD-O8-5.0.1 Students will explain the interrelationships (themes, ideas, concepts) that are developed in more than one literary work.		
	 □ WR-08-1.1.1 In Reflective Writing, □ Students will evaluate personal progress toward meeting goals in literacy skills. □ Students will address needs of the intended audience. □ Students will sustain a suitable tone or appropriate voice. 		
	 □ WR-08-2.3.1 In Reflective Writing, □ Students will engage the interest of the reader. 		

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Essential Questions	Program of Studies and Core Content	Key Terms and Vocabulary	Classroom Instruction and Assessment Student will:
	 Students will communicate ideas and details in meaningful order. Students will apply a variety of transitions or transitional elements between ideas and details to guide the reader. Students will apply paragraphing effectively. Students will create conclusions effectively. 		Student witt.
	 □ WR-08-2.4.1 In Reflective Writing, □ Students will develop sentences of various structures and lengths throughout the piece. □ Students will develop complete sentences or apply unconventional structures when appropriate. 		
	 □ WR-08-3.5.1 In Reflective Writing, □ Students will adhere to standard guidelines for grammar and usage or apply nonstandard for effect. □ Students will apply language concisely. □ Students will incorporate language appropriate to the content, purpose, and audience. 		
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Essential Questions	Program of Studies and Core Content	Key Terms and Vocabulary	Classroom Instruction and <u>Assessment</u> Student will:

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Language Arts			
Essential Questions	Program of Studies and Core Content	Key Terms and Vocabulary	Classroom Instruction and Assessment
			Student will:
	Core Content		
1. What are the	Revising Skills	☐ Topic Sentence	☐ Practice through mini lessons and daily oral language
elements of a	Idea Development	☐ Main Idea	using the specified core content and the following
good writer?	☐ WR-08-4.10.4-Students will narrow topic for	☐ Chronology	activities. DOK 2
	selected writing.	☐ Supporting Details	☐ Practice spelling rules and misspelled words. DOK 2

Grade 8 Language Arts	Unit 10: Grammar, Writing, and Test Prep		Suggested Length: Entire School Year
Essential Questions	Program of Studies and Core Content	Key Terms and Vocabulary	Classroom Instruction and <u>Assessment</u> Student will:
 What are common rules of grammar, spelling, and punctuation? What are the techniques used in assessing reading? What are the techniques of a good reader? 	 □ WR-08-4.10.5-Students will identify topic sentence of a paragraph. D0K 2 □ WR-08-4.10.6-Students will select appropriate supporting details. DOK 2 □ WR-08-4.10.7-Students will identify extraneous/irrelevant materials. DOK 2 ○ Organization □ WR-08-4.10.8-Students will correct sentences that are out of chronological/sequential order or insert new sentences in the correct chronological/sequential position. DOK 2 □ WR-08-4.10.9-Students will apply the most effective transitions. DOK 2 □ WR-08-4.10.10-Students will develop effective introductions and closures for writing. DOK 2 □ WR-08-4.10.11-Students will eliminate redundant words and phrases. DOK 2 □ WR-08-4.10.12-Students will choose the most specific word for use in a sentence. DOK 2 Editing Skills Language Usage □ WR-08-4.11.13- Students will apply knowledge of subject/verb agreement with both singular and plural subjects. DOK 1 □ WR-08-4.11.14- Students will apply knowledge of present, past and future verb tenses. DOK 1 □ WR-08-4.11.15- Students will apply knowledge of comparative and superlative forms of adjectives and adverbs. DOK 1 	□ Sequence □ Transitions □ Introductions □ Closings □ Sub/Verb Agreement □ Verb Tenses □ Parts of Speech □ Run-ons □ Fragments □ Declarative □ Exclamatory □ Interrogative □ Imperative □ Commas □ Acronyms □ Semi colons □ Quotations □ Possessive □ Singular □ Plural □ Parts of a letter	□ In writing pieces, practice chronology, sequence, transition, closing, and introductions. DOK 2 □ Practice the types of sentences. DOK 1 □ Practice correctly punctuating sentences. DOK 1 □ In writing, practice using word choice, sentence structure, punctuation, organization, and idea development according to Ky. Holistic Scoring Guide. DOK 3 □ Use the vocabulary appropriately in CATS like assessments. DOK 2 □ These activities will be integrated into the literature units throughout the entire year. This is not taught as one separate unit.
	forms of adjectives and adverbs. DOK 1 ☐ WR-08-4.11.16- Students will apply		

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Essential Questions	Program of Studies and Core Content	Key Terms and Vocabulary	Classroom Instruction and Assessment Student will:
	knowledge of special problems in usage (e.g., a/an to/two/too, their/there/they're), and pronoun reference and double negatives. DOK 1		
	Sentence Structure □ WR-08-4.11.18-Students will correct runon and awkward sentences. DOK 1 □ WR-08-4.11.19-Students will correct sentence fragments. DOK 1 □ WR-08-4.11.20-Students will combine short choppy sentences effectively. DOK 2		
	Spelling □ WR-08-4.11.23-Students will apply knowledge of spelling patterns, generalizations, and rules to commonly used words. DOK 1		
	☐ WR-08-4.11.24-Students will apply knowledge of spelling patterns, generalizations, and rules to plural forms of words. DOK 1		
	 □ WR-08-4.11.25-Students will apply knowledge of spelling patterns, generalizations and rules to contractions. DOK 1 		
	☐ WR-08-4.11.26-Students will apply knowledge of spelling patterns, generalizations and rules to change verb endings. DOK 1		
	Capitalization ☐ WR-08-4.11.27-Students will capitalize proper nouns (e.g., names, days, months). DOK 1		
	 □ WR-08-4.11.28-Students will capitalize the beginning of sentences. DOK 1 □ WR-08-4.11.29-Students will capitalize the 		

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Essential Questions	Program of Studies and Core Content	Key Terms and Vocabulary	Classroom Instruction and <u>Assessment</u> Student will:
	pronoun "I". DOK 1 □ WR-08-4.11.30-Students will capitalize proper adjectives. DOK 1		
	Punctuation ☐ WR-08-4.11.33-Students will correctly punctuate declarative, exclamatory, interrogative and imperative sentences. DOK 1		
	☐ WR-08-4.11.34-Students will use commas in a series, a date, a compound sentence, and the greeting and closing of a letter. DOK 1		
	☐ WR-08-4.11.35-Students will correctly apply the rules of punctuation for commas in appositives, direct address, and introductory phrases and clauses. DOK 1		
	☐ WR-08-4.11.36-Students will correctly apply the rules of punctuation for apostrophes in possessives and contractions. DOK 1		
	☐ WR-08-4.11.37-Students will correctly apply the rules of punctuation for periods in abbreviations and acronyms. DOK 1		
	☐ WR-08-4.11.38-Students will correctly apply the rules of punctuation for semicolons in items in a series and combined sentences. DOK 1		
	■ WR-08-4.11.39-Students will correctly apply the rules of punctuation for colons in introducing a list and the business letter greeting. DOK 1		
	☐ WR-08-4.11.40-Students will correctly apply the rules of punctuation for quotation marks in dialogue, titles and direct/indirect quotes. DOK 1		
	Documentation		

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Language Arts			
Essential Questions	Program of Studies and Core Content	Key Terms and Vocabulary	Classroom Instruction and Assessment
			Student will:
	☐ WR-08-4.11.41-Students will document use		
	of sources. DOK 2		