

8th Grade Language Arts

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MONTH	CONTENT/THEME	CORE GOALS/SKILLS	ASSESSMENT	SUGGESTED RESOURCES
1 st Marking Period	<p>Image Tile / Shields</p> <p>Book Reviews</p> <p>Spelling / Vocabulary</p> <p>8th grade Vocabulary Project</p> <p>Grammar</p> <p>PSSA Writing / Writing Process</p> <p>Persuasive Writing</p> <p>Fantasy / Science Fiction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Domains • Symbolism • Imagery • Writing a Book Review • Persuasive Writing • Figurative Language • Summarizing • Text Analysis / Literary Elements • Writing Process • Proper Citation / Plagiarism • Spelling patterns • Vocabulary Development • Synonyms / Antonyms • Roots / Prefixes / Suffixes • Analogies • Vocabulary Development • Parts of Speech • Word Usage / Word Selection • Capitalization / Punctuation • Intro to Domains • Editing / Revising • MLA format • Writing Process • Thesis Statement • Fact vs. Opinion • Research Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Researching Thesis ○ Note taking ○ Citation ○ Plagiarism ○ Paraphrasing ○ Evaluating Bias • Content / Organization / Style Domains • Five Paragraph Essay • Citing Evidence to Support Position • Analyze effectiveness of oral / written presentation of self and others • Genre Study / Text Features • Literary Elements • Literature Circles – • Group Interactions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tile / Shield • Writing • Written Essay • Quizzes / Tests • Class Assignments • Quizzes / Tests • Class Assignments • Persuasive Essays scored for Five Writing Domains (CA) • Graphic Organizer • Summarizations • Tests • Teacher Created Activities • Literature Circle Anecdotal Records 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Selected Books • Summer Reading List • Working Words in Spelling Level H • Wordskills Level 9 • Vocabulary Cartoons I and II • Academic vocabulary list • Warriner’s Grammar and Composition • Teacher Generated Worksheets • Flowers for Algernon • A Gathering of Blue • Aquamarine • The Last Book of the Universe • A Wrinkle in Time • Oddly Enough • The Silver Kiss

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	<p>Multicultural Unit</p> <p>Target Skills Reinforcement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interpretation of Literature • Genre Study / Text Feature• Analyze Influence of Culture on Text• Making Connections with Text• Literary Elements• Accepting Diversity • Inferences & Conclusions• Genre & Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summarizations• Tests• Teacher Created Activities• Literature Circle Anecdotal Records • Study Island (CA)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Inferences & Concl.○ Genre & Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Giver• The Thief of Always• I Am Morgan LeFay• Singularity• Clockwork • Athletic Shorts• Freak the Mighty• Witness• Nightjohn• America Street• A Gathering of Flowers• Novio Boy
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	Target Skills Reinforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Historical Fiction Genre Study / Text Features• Integration of Literature to Content Area Study• Literary Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Connections between Text• Text Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Study Island (CA)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Connections between Text○ Text Organization	
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