



Yearly Overview Gr 8 Language Arts

2019-2020

Semester 1

Term 1

- **Genres**
 - ***Literary Genres***
 - Linear and Nonlinear Plot, Setting, Characters, Plot, Theme
 - ***Poetry***
 - Poetic Forms, Graphic Elements
 - ***Informational Texts***
 - Characteristics and Structure
- **Author's Purpose and Craft**
 - Author's use of Figurative Language, Point of View, Irony, Author's Message, Author's Use of Literary Devices, Author's Use of Language and Graphic Features, Author's Purpose
- **Writing Workshop**
 - Self-Selected Writing, Narrative Writing, Storytelling
- **Composition & Editing**
 - Writing Process Introduction, Revising and Editing overview, Part of Speech review, Spelling, Capitalization, Punctuation

Ongoing instruction: Comprehension skills, Response Skills, Oral Language Development, Vocabulary, Inquiry & Research

Term 2

- **Genres**
 - ***Informational Texts***
 - Characteristics and Structure, Controlling idea/thesis and Evidence, Organizational Patterns, Features
 - ***Analyzing Literature***
 - Setting, Characters, Themes
 - ***Multimodal/Digital Texts***
 - Characteristics
- **Author's Purpose and Craft**
 - Author's purpose, Use of Language, Text Structure, Features, Author's message
- **Writing Workshop**
 - Informational Writing, Correspondence
- **Composition & Editing**
 - Writing Process, Verb tenses, Active & Passive Voice, Complete Complex Sentences

Ongoing instruction: Comprehension skills, Response Skills, Oral Language Development, Vocabulary, Inquiry & Research

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Term 3

- **Genres**
 - ***Drama***
 - Acts and Scenes, Dramatic Action
 - ***Argumentative Text***
 - Claim, Audience, Counterargument, Characteristics and Structures
 - ***Literary***
 - Review of all TEKS
- **Author's Purpose and Craft**
 - Author's Use of Language, Point of View, Irony, Figurative Language, Author's Purpose, Text Structure, Rhetorical Devices
- **Writing Workshop**
 - Informational Writing, Argument Writing, Self-selected genre writing
- **Composition & Editing**
 - Writing Process, Verb tenses, Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement, Prepositions, Prepositional Phrases, Spiral Review of all skills

Ongoing instruction: Comprehension skills, Response Skills, Oral Language Development, Vocabulary, Inquiry & Research

Term 4

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- **Genres**
 - ***Informational***
 - Controlling Idea/Thesis, Organizational Patterns
 - ***Review of all major genres***
 - Argument, Literary, Informational, Drama, Multimodal/Digital
 - Features and Characteristics
- **Author's Purpose and Craft**
 - Author's Purpose, Text Structures, Craft within the genres
- **Writing Workshop**
 - Multigenre Research Project
- **Composition & Editing**
 - Writing Process, Research and Inquiry, Spiral Review

Ongoing instruction: Comprehension skills, Response Skills, Oral Language Development, Vocabulary, Inquiry & Research

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