



# Curriculum Map

## Eighth Grade Language Arts 2011-2012

Unit	1		2		3		4	
	Month	Weeks	Month	Weeks	Month	Weeks	Month	Weeks
<b>Assessments</b>	August - September	5 weeks	September - October	3 weeks	October - November	4 week	November - December	5 weeks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Galileo formative assessment</li> <li>Short paragraph responses</li> <li>Text based questions based on reading(s) from Language and Literature Anthology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Text based questions based on nonfiction and fiction reading(s) from Language and Literature Anthology and other sources</li> <li>Assessment on ability to defend viewpoint</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading groups/literature circle assessments</li> <li>Writing analysis – suggested compare/contrast essay</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Writing assessment – suggested persuasive essay</li> <li>Persuasive project based on a debatable issue</li> <li>Galileo 1<sup>st</sup> semester assessment</li> </ul>				
<b>Instructional Resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Language and Literature Anthology and support materials</li> <li>Fictional novel(s) that focus on characterization and theme analysis</li> <li>6 Traits of Writing materials/rubrics</li> <li>Technology resources (i.e. Internet, Google Docs, word processing programs, digital recorders, etc.)</li> <li>National Writing Project website (<a href="http://www.nwp.org">www.nwp.org</a>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Language and Literature Anthology and support materials</li> <li>Opposing Viewpoints website</li> <li>Biography &amp; Autobiography novels</li> <li>Technology resources (i.e. Internet, Google Docs, word processing programs, digital recorders, etc.)</li> <li>National Writing Project website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Language and Literature Anthology and support materials</li> <li>District novel sets</li> <li>Technology resources (i.e. Internet, Google Docs, word processing programs, digital recorders, etc.)</li> <li>National Writing Project website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Language and Literature Anthology and support materials</li> <li>Opposing Viewpoints website</li> <li>Technology resources (i.e. Internet, Google Docs, word processing programs, digital recorders, etc.)</li> <li>National Writing Project website</li> </ul>				



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**\*Unit Names & Titles:**

**Unit 1: Planning and Focusing Writing**

**Unit 2: Critical Thinking**

**Unit 3: Reading Application**

**Unit 4: Interpretation and Persuasion**

Unit	5	6	7	8
Month	January - February	February - March	March - April	May
Weeks	4 weeks	5 weeks	5 weeks	3 weeks
Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Galileo formative assessment</li> <li>Writing assessment – poetry that incorporates figurative language suggested</li> <li>Assessment of the conventions of standard English language usage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Book groups responses/literature circles</li> <li>Culminating novel assessment</li> <li>A project based on the text</li> <li>Vocabulary based context clue assessment (Galileo)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Short research based projects/papers</li> <li>Culminating research project/paper (multi-genre presentation suggested)</li> <li>Bibliography written in correct MLA format</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation of selected research paper/project</li> <li>Presentation of a speech on topic of choice</li> <li>Galileo 2<sup>nd</sup> semester assessment</li> </ul>



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<b>Instructional Resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Language and Literature Anthology and support materials</li> <li>• Language Network</li> <li>• Technology resources (i.e. Internet, Google Docs, word processing programs, digital recorders, etc.)</li> <li>• Poetry 180 website</li> <li>• National Writing Project website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Library resources</li> <li>• Language and Literature Anthology and support materials</li> <li>• Poetry anthologies</li> <li>• Novel sets</li> <li>• Technology resources (i.e. Internet, Google Docs, word processing programs, digital recorders, etc.)</li> <li>• National Writing Project website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MLA citation instructional materials (MLA online resources)</li> <li>• Language and Literature Anthology and support materials</li> <li>• Technology resources (i.e. Internet, Google Docs, word processing programs, Power Point and other presentation software, digital recorders, <b>online databases</b>, etc.)</li> <li>• National Writing Project website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top 100 Speeches of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century website</li> <li>• Language and Literature Anthology and support materials</li> <li>• Technology resources (i.e. Internet, Google Docs, word processing programs, digital recorders, Power Point and other presentation software, <b>online databases</b>, etc.)</li> <li>• National Writing Project website</li> </ul>
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**Unit 5: Writer’s Craft**

**Unit 6: Reading and Background Knowledge**

**Unit 7: Research**

**Unit 8: Oral Presentation**