

Department: MS ELA

Course Title: Regular English

Grade Level: 8

Length of Course: Full Year

Primary Resources:

- PA Common Core and Eligible Content Standards
- *Heath Grammar and Composition Grade 8*
- *Grade 8 Prentice Hall Literature (2006)*

Units of Study:

Unit 1 (Daily Bell Work Activities): Grammar
Unit 2 (5 weeks): Understanding Text Dependent Analysis Essays
Unit 3 (5 weeks): Mood in Fictional Texts
Unit 4 (5 weeks): Elements in Storytelling
Unit 5 (7 weeks): Poetry
Unit 6 (6 weeks): The Diary of Anne Frank
Unit 7 (3 weeks): Monologues

Curriculum-Based Assessments:

Written responses and TDA essays, tests, quizzes, and project-based assessments

Standardized Assessments: PSSA ELA Testing

Description of Course:

Students will read, comprehend, and analyze both fiction and nonfiction stories, articles, and essays. There is a strong writing component in ELA classes. Students will receive direct instruction in the fundamentals of language including parts of speech, sentence and paragraph structure, capitalization, punctuation, usage, spelling, and vocabulary. Students will write three types of essays: informative, narrative, and persuasive. They will use the writing process to produce essays of at least 5 paragraphs. They will also use the TAGSS graphic organizer to complete text-dependent analysis essays. (Turn the prompt around, Answer the prompt, Give examples, Support examples with evidence, Summarize and conclude)