

Week	Unit Title	Unit Overview	Readiness TEKS	Supporting TEKS
Week 1	Establishing a Reading and Writing Workshop (2 Weeks)	Our eighth graders will establish a social contract for classroom norms and set a reading goal to meet during our protected reading time. Students will also understand the skills we will focus on throughout the school year as we employ a growth mindset in growing these reading and writing skills.		1D, 4A, 5A, 5D
Week 2				
Week 3	Dystopian Book Clubs + Text-Based Extended Constructed Response (7 Weeks)	Our eighth graders will read a dystopian genre book within a book club. Students will utilize reading strategies to track thinking through the book as they analyze how characters work through conflict in search of a resolution. This reading will then guide them to learn the art of constructing a literary analysis as they expand the learning focus from their dystopian reading and communicate their analysis of the reading through discussion and writing.	2B, 5F, 5G, 5E, 6C, 6D, 7B, 7C, 9A	2A, 2C, 5D, 6B, 6E, 6F, 7A, 7D, 8A, 9F,
Week 4				
Week 5				
Week 6			11B, 10Bi, 10Bii, 10C, 10Di, 10Dvi	10A, 10Dv, 10E
Week 7				
Week 8				
Week 9				
Week 10	Tapping the Power of Nonfiction + Text-Based Extended Constructed Response (6 Weeks)	Our eighth graders will research through the focus of “reading to learn.” Through this research, they will summarize complex texts, generate questions to discern an author’s point of view, and demonstrate how the text supports new thinking. This learning will then be applied by going through the steps writers use to develop their own focused argument, and analyze existing arguments to evaluate their chosen evidence and reasoning.	5F, 5G, 6C, 6B, 6D, 8Di, 9A	5B, 5I, 6E, 7A, 8Diii, 9B, 9C, 9F, 9G
Week 11				
Week 12			11B, 10Bi, 10Bii, 10C, 10Di, 10Dii	10Dvi, 10Dvii, 10E, 11C, 10Diii
Week 13				
Week 14				
Week 15				
Break	Thanksgiving Break			
Week 16	Drama (2 Weeks)	Our eighth graders will read a drama to focus on how playwrights develop characters through dialogue and staging.	5F, 5G, 6C, 7B, 9A	7A, 7D, 8C, 9D, 9F, 9E
Week 17				
Week 18				
Break	Winter Break			
Week 19	Historical Fiction Book Clubs + Text-Based Synthesis Writing Reponse (7 Weeks)	Our eighth graders will explore the idea that historical fiction can help us understand our present. In historical fiction book clubs, students will study time periods, settings, and analyze how characters interacted and developed through these plot elements. Students will synthesize aspects of this fictional world with real world ideas and communicate these connections.	5E, 5F, 5G, 5H, 6B, 6C, 7B, 8Ei, 8Eii, 9A	5I, 5B, 6G, 6E, 6I, 7A, 7D, 8A, 8Eiii, 9E, 9F, 9G
Week 20				
Week 21			11B, 10Bi, 10Bii, 10C, 10Di	10Dvi, 10Div,
Week 22				
Week 23				
Week 24				
Week 25				
Week 26				
Week 27	Poetry (2 Weeks)	Our 8th graders will strengthen reading skills using different strategies for close reading and annotations for poetry. Students will respond to poetry through analysis of poetic elements, and language to achieve specific purposes.	5F, 5G, 6C, 9A	7A, 8B, 8F, 6F, 9B, 9D, 9E, 9F
Week 28				
Break	Spring Break			
Week 29	Target Learning Needs + Text-Based Response (5 Weeks)	Our 8th graders will reinforce strategies and skills with weak TEKS identified through previous units. Teachers will review data with each student and offer individualized instruction specific to the genre they struggle with the most. In writing, students will review tips and tricks for connecting to the reading through writing.	Priority Standards	6B, 6E, 6H
Week 30				
Week 31				
Week 32				
Week 33	Research Studies (5 Weeks)	Our 8th graders will practice becoming a critical consumer. Students will choose a topic to learn about, research, analyze, and present findings to an audience.	6D, 9A	8Dii, 8F, 9D, 9F, 12(A-J)
Week 34				
Week 35				
Week 36				
Week 37				