

8th Grade RLA

COURSE OVERVIEW

8th Grade RLA students explore literature and apply a variety of effective writing techniques. Students integrate the study of literature, writing, vocabulary, and grammar to develop language fluency, an appreciation of literature, and critical and applied reasoning skills.

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| ESTIMATED TIME FRAME | UNIT SUMMARY | TEKS |
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| 6 weeks | Unit 1: Gadgets and Glitches In this unit, students will read and analyze various texts that explore the essential question, “Does technology improve or control our lives?” As students read, they will record their annotations and respond to the text through multiple writing prompts. | 8.2A, 8.2B, 8.5B, 8.5F, 8.5G, 8.6B, 8.6C, 8.6D, 8.6J, 8.7A, 8.7B, 8.7C, 8.7D, 8.8A, 8.8D, 8.8E, 8.9A, 8.9C, 8.9G, 8.10B, 8.10D, 8.11B, 8.11C |
| 5 weeks | Unit 2: The Thrill of Horror In this unit, students will read and analyze various texts that explore the essential question, “Why do we sometimes like to feel frightened?” As students read, they will record their annotations and respond to the text through multiple writing prompts. | 8.2A, 8.2B, 8.2C, 8.5D, 8.5E, 8.5F, 8.5G, 8.5I, 8.6A, 8.6B, 8.6C, 8.6D, 8.6G, 8.7A, 8.7C, 8.8A, 8.8D, 8.8E, 8.9A, 8.9E, 8.9F, 8.10, 8.11B, 8.11C, 8.11D |
| 5 weeks | Unit 3: Finding Your Path In this unit, students will read and analyze various texts that explore the essential question, “How do your teenage years prepare you for adulthood?” As students read, they will record their annotations and respond to the text through multiple writing prompts. | 8.2A, 8.2B, 8.5C, 8.5F, 8.5G, 8.6C, 8.7C, 8.7D, 8.8A, 8.8B, 8.8D, 8.8E, 8.9A, 8.9B, 8.9C, 8.9E, 8.9F, 8.9G, 8.10, 8.11B, 8.11C, 8.11D |
| 5 weeks | Unit 4: The Fight for Freedom In this unit, students will read and analyze various texts that explore the essential question, “What will people risk to be free?” As students read, they will record their annotations and respond to the text through multiple writing prompts. | 8.2A, 8.2B, 8.2C, 8.6C, 8.8A, 8.8D, 8.8F, 8.9A, 8.9B, 8.9D, 8.9F, 8.10, 8.11B |
| 6 weeks | Unit 5: The Legacy of Anne Frank In this unit, students will read and analyze various texts that explore the essential question, “What can we learn from Anne Frank?” As students read, they will record their annotations and respond to the text through multiple writing prompts. | 8.2A, 8.2B, 8.6C, 8.7C, 8.8A, 8.8C, 8.8E, 8.8G, 8.9B, 8.9G, 8.10, 8.11B, 8.11C |
| 7 weeks | Unit 6: Novel Study | |