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FIRST SEMESTER- DLA

Common Assessment Title and Standards Assessed	Required Prompt (Prompts may be adjusted by the teacher but not completely changed to accommodate special populations. Special populations are identified as SPED, 504 Plans, ELs or Honors students. See Quick Guide for more information.)	Suggested Mini-lessons / Formative Practice	Suggested Resources
DLA (Diagnostic Literacy Assessment) Theme/Genre Comparison RL.8.2 - Theme W.8.1 - Argument L.8.5 - Literary devices and word nuances	After analyzing given genres with similar themes, state a common theme of two texts and discuss how the author develops the theme in each. Then decide which of the texts is most effective in communicating that theme, citing its use of genre patterns and literary elements/devices. Teacher Tip: -Administer DLA August 14th, 2019-September 3rd, 2019) Enter DLA scores in Infinite Campus by September 10th, 2019 -Suggested length for this assessment is up to 4 days. This may vary for special populations.	Mini lessons and formative practice are not part of the DLA.	Suggested texts given on the diagnostic guide

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FIRST SEMESTER- Assessment 1 (1st nine weeks)

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Assessment #1 Investigative Research ✓ RI.8.8 — Evaluate ✓ W.8.2 - Inform ✓ SL.8.1 - Discussion	After reading various texts, synthesize the information and record it in a graphic organizer to support the chosen topic. Make sure to evaluate the information to recognize irrelevant evidence. Teacher Tips: 1. To evaluate reading, students should evaluate sources they use to make sure sites are not biased and are relevant. 2. To evaluate writing, students should complete a graphic organizer with information gathered from their research 3. To evaluate Speaking/Listening, students should have a discussion about topics they have researched 4. Use the evidence collected on this graphic organizer for assessment 2. (Resources can be found in the resource folder in the 8th grade Google Classroom)	Assessment #1 - Introduction to: Logos, Ethos, Pathos -Introduction to Bias and Fallacy -Outline -Academic Databases -Internet Searches -5 W's	Assessment #1 Academic databases/Internet searches -Britannica -Gale Resources -Library visit with Librarian instruction Research site dealing with current issues faced across the world: http://www.un.org/en/sections/issues-depth/global-issues-overview/ Speaking and Listening Speaking Listening Handbook (StudySync) Study Sync Library Skill Lessons in 8th grade Unit 2: -Skill: Textual Evidence -Skill: Arguments & Claims -Skill: Informational Text Structure

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Assessment #2 Commentary/ Editorial	After reading texts on/about, write an editorial or commentary which explains a perspective, acknowledges competing views, includes evidence, and gives a realistic solution. Teacher Tips: 1. To evaluate reading students can annotate or compose a short response of a printed copy of a speech, commentary or editorial. 2. To evaluate writing, students should compose a commentary or editorial based on the research from assessment 1 providing a problem and possible solutions 3. To evaluate listening, students should evaluate a spoken opinion piece. * The writing assessment may include teaching some informal elements, such as the use of first person, identifying the styles of writing and elements of editorials, commentaries and other opinion writing prior to administering assessment #2	-Brief introduction to MLA -MLA Works Cited Page -Types of News/Journalism -Language of Formal vs Informal writing -Elaboration	lesson plan resources for rhetorical appeals: https://betterlesson.com/community/lesson/139 79/ethos-pathos-logos http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom- resources/lesson-plans/persuasive-techniques- advertising-1166.html https://study.com/academy/popular/ethos- pathos-logos-lesson-plan.htm Editorial and commentary lessons: https://www.schooljournalism.org/opinion-and- review-writing-lessons/ https://www.americanpressinstitute.org/wp- content/uploads/2013/09/highfiveunitB.pdf https://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/09/28/o pinion-through-the-ages-exploring-40-years-of- new-york-times-op-eds/ https://journalism20.wikispaces.com/Assignment +Editorial+Writing https://www.geneseo.edu/~bennett/EdWrite.htm

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FIRST SEMESTER- Assessment 3 (2nd nine weeks)

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Assessment #3 Analyzing/creating Infographic ✓ RI.8.2 - Central Idea ✓ W.8.2 - Inform ✓ SL.8.5 - Integrate Media	After researching informational texts on, create a infographic in which you explain the causes of the and the effects of OR (possible solutions to an issue). The infographic should include evidence from multiple sources in a combination of charts, illustrations, numbers, and strong word choices. Include your sources. Teacher Tips: 1. To evaluate reading, look at the students' choice of the central idea of the text they used 2. To evaluate writing, focus on the expansion of the information provided 3. To evaluate speak/listen, grade the clarity and use of visuals to strengthen their claim • Teachers may choose to continue with the topics used in assessments 1 & 2 or they may choose to change topics for this assessment. Teacher Tip: View the video explaining the 9 types of infographics (resource column)	-Define infographics and their purposeReview elements of - efficient vs. inefficient infographics -Introduce students to how to create an infographics with online resources -Define target audience for infographics	Video explaining the 9 Types of infographics Infographic lessons: http://www.schrockguide.net/infographics-as-an-assessment.html http://creativeeducator.tech4learning.com/2013 /lessons/Infographics http://www.teachersfirst.com/iste/infographics/resources.cfm https://icons8.com/articles/what-is-an-infographic/ Infographic Generators: https://www.jeffbullas.com/20-cool-tools-creating-infographics/

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FIRST SEMESTER- Assessment 4 (2nd nine weeks)

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Assessment #4 Broadcast	After conducting an investigation about, collaborate with a group to report, produce and deliver a broadcast about The segments will show connections and distinctions between individuals, ideas, and events. In addition, each segment should analyze the importance of evidence and how it refines the main idea. Teacher Tips: 1. To evaluate reading, students should evaluate a broadcast (short response questions) 2. To evaluate writing, students should compose a written script/storyboard of their broadcast 3. To evaluate speaking, students should create a broadcast. • Broadcast should be of the student(s) on camera, and may also include scenes, pictures, and other videos of the topic with the students' voice over	-Types of Broadcast -Engagement -Segments -Verbal and Non-Verbal Language	Study Sync BLASTS: "On Air" "Reaching the Masses" Study Sync Stories/Poems/ Texts to read and investigate heroic qualities if you choose to use this theme. (Your choice) Units 2 & 4 -Anne Frank -Boy in the Striped Pajamas -Growing up in Hitler's Shadow -Parallel Journeys -Dear Miss Breed -Blast: A Model of Courage -Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave -Across Five Aprils -Paul Revere's Ride -Sullivan Ballou Letter -The Red Badge of Courage -Chasing Lincoln's Killer NewsELA- Search for news journalism Journalism lesson plans: https://www.schooljournalism.org/broadcast-news-lesson-plans/ https://www.thebalancecareers.com/how-to-write-a-news-script-for-tv-news-2315281 http://www.bbc.co.uk/schoolreport/27697544 https://studentreportinglabs.org/lesson-plans/ https://studentreportinglabs.org/lesson-plans/

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SECOND SEMESTER- Assessment 5 (1st nine weeks)

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Assessment #5 Analyzing Syntax ✓ R.8.5 — Structure ✓ W.8.2B - Evidence ✓ L.8.2 - Conventions	After reading, write a response which analyzes the author's use of syntax (arrangements of words and phrases) to explain how it creates meaning, emotion, and/or style. Teacher Tips: 1. The reading standard can be assessed through the students' text annotation or a short response. 2. The writing standard will be assessed through the students' analysis essay 3. Conventions will also be assessed through the students' proper use of conventions	-Sentence Structures -Syntactical devices -Scheme -Syntax -Tone -Mood -Style	Study Sync Skill lessons: -Skill- VERBS: Active and Passive Voice (grade 8) -Skill- SENTENCE STRUCTURE: Simple and Complex sentences (grade 8) -Skill- Commas with Compound sentences (grade 8) -Skill- Complex and Compound-Complex Sentences (grade 8) -Skill- SENTENCE STRUCTURE: Run-on Sentences (grade 8) -Skill- SENTENCE STRUCTURE: Run-on Sentences (grade 8) NewsELA- Search for any event from history about the Civil War or the topic of your choice(will be analyzing for syntax/ description/meaning) Syntax lesson plans: https://movingwriters.org/2016/10/27/the-syntax-of-things-lesson-ideas-for-syntax-study/ https://arts.uottawa.ca/writingcentre/en/hypergrammar/building-sentences Analysis lessons https://www.edutopia.org/blog/reaching-literary-analysis-rusul-alrubail http://www.nbpts.org/how-i-taught-my-high-school-students-to-analyze-a-complex-text/ https://betterlesson.com/lesson/605556/a-mini-lesson-on-syntax-as-students-draft-an-essay https://literarydevices.net/syntax/ https://iterarydevices.net/syntax/ https://www.albert.io/blog/how-to-analyze-syntax-ap-english-literature/

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Common Assessment Title and Standards Assessed	Required Prompt (Prompts may be adjusted by the teacher but not completely changed to accommodate special populations. Special populations are identified as SPED, 504 Plans, ELs or Honors students. See Assessment Guide for more information.)	Suggested Mini- lessons / Formative Practice	Suggested Resources
Assessment #6 Analyzing Poetry R.8.4 - Diction W.8.2 - Organizing evidence L.8.1D - Consistency	After reading, write a response which analyzes how the poem is developed through such devices as diction, syntax, figurative language, allusion, and imagery. Teacher Tips: 1. The reading standard can be assessed through the students' text annotation or a short response. 2. The writing standard will be assessed through the student's analysis essay 3. Conventions will also be assessed through the students' proper use of conventions-specifically consistent verb usage	-Figurative Language -Episodes / Stanzas -Tropes / Schemes -Allusions -Irony -Style -Diction -Imagery	Study Sync Skill lessons -Skill- Figurative Language: Paul Revere's Ride -Skill- Allusion: A Poison Tree -Skill- Alliteration, assonance, consonance: Ozymandias (grade 9) -Skill- Poetic Elements: The Cremation of Sam McGee (grade 7) -Skill- Spotlight: Tone (grade 8) Study Sync Poems -Annabel Lee (unit 1) -The Bells (unit 1) -Mother to Son (unit 3) -Ode to Thanks (unit 3) -Little Boy Lost & Little Boy Found (unit 3) -A Poison Tree (unit 3) -Paul Revere's Ride (unit 4) -O Captain My Captain (unit 4) -Jabberwocky (search in Library) NewsELA- Search "Poetry" Poetic Devices lesson plans: https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/unit-plans/teaching-content/teaching-poetic-devices/ http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/lesson-plans/poetry-sound-sense-848.html https://www.ereadingworksheets.com/figurative-language/poetic-devices/ Analysis lessons https://www.edutopia.org/blog/reaching-literary-analysis-rusul-alrubail http://www.nbpts.org/how-i-taught-my-high-school-students-to-analyze-a-complex-text/

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SECOND SEMESTER- Assessment 7 (2nd nine weeks)

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Assessment #7 Theme/Genre Comparison RL.8.2 - Theme W.8.1 - Argument L.8.5 - Literary devices and word nuances	After analyzing given genres with similar themes, state a common theme of two texts and discuss how the author develops the theme in each. Then decide which of the texts is most effective in communicating that theme, citing its use of genre patterns and literary elements/devices. Teacher Tips: 1. Reading can be evaluated through students' annotation or short response of texts 2. Writing will be evaluated through the essay/portfolio 3. Language can be evaluated either through students' annotation OR by their explanation in their essay/portfolio Give the students a choice of texts from different genres with similar themes for them to analyze and compare for their essay and annotations.	-Recursive Theme -Universal Theme -Literary Devices/ Elements -Genre Pattern	Study Sync Texts of various genres (search in library tab) You can also search the library tab by the genre and these titles plus more will show up. -Ender's Game (Sci Fi) -The Sound of Thunder (Sci Fi) -A Wrinkle in Time (Sci Fi) -Alice in Wonderland (Fantasy) -A Bridge to Terabithia (Fantasy) -Dragonsong (Fantasy) -The Odyssey (Mythology) -Heroes Every Child Should Know: Perseus (Mythology) -Icarus and Daedalus Mythology) -A Long Walk to Water (Historical Fiction) -Chains (Historical Fiction) -Aesop's Fables (Fable) -Strange Stories from the Lodge of Leisures (Fables) THEME Lesson plans: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9H6GCe7hmmA https://study.com/academy/popular/theme-lesson-plan.html https://study.com/academy/lesson/universal-theme-definition-examples.html https://www.ruesd.net/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=669&dataid=191&FileName=GATE Teacher_Handbook.pdf Specific Genre Plans Fairy Tale lesson plans: http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/grimms-fairy-tales-lesson-ideas.shtml https://www.helpteaching.com/lessons/273/what-is-a-fairy-tale	Sci Fi Lesson Plans http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom- resources/lesson-plans/finding-science-behind- science-927.html?tab=1#tabs https://www.helpteaching.com/lessons/270/ele ments-of-science-fiction Fantasy Lesson Plans: https://www.helpteaching.com/lessons/277/ele ments-of-a-fantasy http://teachers.yale.edu/curriculum/viewer/init iative 06.03.08 u Mythology Lesson Plans: https://www.helpteaching.com/lessons/276/wh at-is-a-myth https://prezi.com/m/ezbjhtkgue9s/the-key- elements-of-mythology/ Realistic Fiction Lesson Plan: https://www.helpteaching.com/lessons/272/ele ments-of-realistic-fiction Historical Fiction Lesson Plans: https://www.helpteaching.com/lessons/269/ele ments-of-historical-fiction http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom- resources/lesson-plans/traveling-road-freedom- through-864.html Fable Lesson Plans: https://www.helpteaching.com/lessons/274/wh at-is-a-fable https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/blog- posts/mary-blow/oh-places-we-go-fables/

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SECOND SEMESTER- Assessment 8 (2nd nine weeks)

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Assessment #8 Suspense Narratives RL.8.3 - Character W.8.3 - Narrative L.8.3A - Syntax	Write a suspenseful narrative based on real or imagined experiences and events. Be sure to use narrative techniques (literary elements and devices) to engage and inform the reader. Teacher Tips: 1. The reading standard can be evaluated by students' annotation or short response. 2. Writing will be evaluated by the students' fictional narrative 3. Language will also be evaluated in the student's fictional narrative.	Archetypes Suspense Dialogue Description Symbols Point of View	Study Sync Skill lessons: -Skill-Character: Abuela Invents the Zero -Skill- Character: Across Five Aprils -Skill- Character: Lord of the Flies -Skill- Writing Dialogue (grade 8) Study Sync Suspense Unit 1 -BLAST- Suspense -The Monkey's Paw -Sorry, Wrong Number -A Night to Remember -Cujo -Lord of the Flies -Ten Days in a Madhouse -The Tell Tale Heart -Annabel Lee -The Bells -BLAST- When Fear Becomes a Phobia -Let 'em Play God -The Raven (9th grade unit) Elements of suspense lesson plans: https://betterlesson.com/lesson/resource/2743325/building-suspense-worksheet https://study.com/academy/lesson/suspense-in-literature-lesson-plan-for-middle-school.html http://lessonplanspage.com/lawriting-buildsuspensewithsensorydetails59.htm/ http://sydneyredigan.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Topical-Unit-Suspense.pdf