# 8th grade Semester 2, Assessment #7 (EOY)

# Genre/Theme Analysis

# Rubric

RL.8.2 Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot.				
4 Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text. Analyzes how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details including its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot Recognizes & critiques the effect of the genre on the theme W.8.1 Write arguments to support claims wit	<b>3</b> Determines a theme or central idea of a text. Analyzes its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot. Recognizes the effect of the genre on the theme.	2 Determines a theme or central idea of a text. Explains the development of the theme over the course of the text, including its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot.	<b>1</b> Determines a central idea of a text. Outlines the development of the central idea including characters, setting, and plot	<b>Q</b> There is no, or insufficient, evidence of learning to assess the standard at this time.
4 Writes a logical argument about a topic/text clarifying why the particular argument is important and valid while evoking the reader to take action. Compares how the position is one of several respecting those who might disagree. Organizes claims, counterclaims, reasons, and evidence into sections to build on each other. Develops using relevant facts, details, and examples. Establishes & maintains a formal style.	3 Writes a logical argument about a topic/text clarifying why the particular argument is important and valid. Compares how the position is one of several. Organizes claims, counterclaims, reasons, and evidence into sections to build on each other. Develops reasons using relevant facts, details, and examples. Establishes a formal style.	2 Writes an argument about a topic/text explaining why it is important. Describes how claim is one of several. Organizes claim, counterclaim, reasons, and evidence into sections. Describes reasons using facts, details, and examples.	<b>1</b> Writes an argument about a topic/text. States the claim. Lists facts, details, and/or examples.	<b>0</b> There is no, or insufficient, evidence of learning to assess the standard at this time.
L.8.5 Demonstrate understanding of figurative 4 Demonstrates understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meaning as well as use of other literary devices Explains how the figurative language and other literary devices helps develop the theme	and nuances in word relationships, and nuances in word relationships, and nuances in word relationships, and nuances in word meanings Explains how the figurative language helps develop the theme	<b>2</b> Identifies figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings	<b>1</b> Attempts to identify figurative language used in the text	<b>0</b> There is no, or insufficient, evidence of learning to assess the standard at this time.

## Student "I Can" Statements

#### Reading Literature Standard: RL.8.2

- I can define central idea and theme(main point in a piece of writing).
- I can determine how an author's use of details conveys one theme in a text.
- I can analyze how supporting ideas contribute to the development of a theme over the course of a text.
- I can compose an objective summary stating the key points of the text without adding my own opinions or feelings.

#### Writing Standard: W.8.1

- I can choose a side of the argument and identify reasons that support my choice.
- I can determine the credibility of a source (who wrote it, when it was written, and why it was written) and the accuracy of the details presented in the source.
- I can support my argument with textual evidence ("word for word" support) and reasoning (analysis).
- I can acknowledge counterclaims (opposing claims) in my argument.
- I can present my argument in a formal style that included an introduction, supporting details with transitions, and provide a concluding statement/section that supports my argument.

### Language Standard: L.8.5

- I can define and identify various forms of figurative language (e.g., simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification, alliteration, onomatopoeia).
- I can distinguish between literal language (it means exactly what it says) and figures of speech (sometimes what you say is not exactly what you mean).
- I can recognize word relationships and use the relationships to further understand multiple words (e.g., sympathetic/apathetic).
- I can recognize the difference between denotative meanings (all words have a dictionary definition) and connotative meaning (some words carry feelings).