8th Grade Language Arts Frameworks 2015-2020------updated 6/25/19

8th Grade - Unit 1 (Assessments 1 & 2) Semester 1 (1st 9 weeks)

Theme: What are world-wide challenges people face?

	Reading – Literary/Informational	Writing	Speaking & Listening	Language/Conventions
Standards (Reporting Strands)	Read closely to cite, analyze and infer appropriate to task, purpose and audience.	Produce clear and consistent writing appropriate to task, purpose and audience.	Present and respond to information appropriate to task, purpose and audience.	Demonstrate command of grammar, usage and language appropriate to task, purpose and audience.
Instructional Focus Standards	 7- Analyze in two different mediums 8- Delineate/evaluate argument and claims 9-Analyze source material 6- Acknowledge/respond to counterclaims 	1- Argument 2-Informative/explanatory 8- Gather sources	1- Engage in discussion 3-Evaluate speaker's point of view	1, 2 – Conventions
Topical Essential Questions	How do readers identify and analyze argumentative techniques?	How do writers create an argument using a clear concise claim with adequate evidence, elaboration, and acknowledgment of a counterclaim?	What elements do speakers include in order to persuade their audience?	What techniques do writers use to deliver their message?
Enduring Understandings	Readers identify the claim, sub- claims, and counterclaims then detect inaccurate or exaggerated evidence and faulty reasoning and logic.	Writers identify credible/authoritative sources and use MLA format to document these resources correctly if using a works cited page.	Writers collect relevant evidence while providing substantial elaboration and acknowledgement of a counterclaim in a well organized format.	Writers use transitions and syntax results in a cohesive, focused composition.
Assessments	Formative		Summ	ative
	 The Rhetorical Appeals (Ethos, Logos, Pathos) The Rhetorical Triangle (how those appeals interact) Parts of an argument Bias, Facts and Opinions Structure of a commentary or an editorial Find evidence to defend their opinion on a topic Write coherently Techniques used in the media: Persuasive techniques, Fallacies, Propaganda Cause and effects of challenges/issues faced world-wide Research using search engines and databases to find relevant facts and evidence for support 		 Investigative Research Evaluate the text (reading) Write (Evaluation of research) Speaking- (Conversation) Editorial/Commentary Evaluate (speaking & writing) Write Listening- evaluate speaker 	
Learning Targets	 I can identify the side of an argument an author presents in a text. I can determine the credibility of the author and his/her purpose (who wrote it, when it was written, and why it was written). I can identify claims that are supported by facts(s) and those that are opinion(s). 			

	-I can recognize when an author introduces irrelevant evidence (unrelated or unnecessary evidence) to his/her argument.				
	-I can delineate and evaluate an argument using evidence an author provides and determine if the evidence provided is relevant and sufficient				
	-I can define point of view as how the author feels about the situation/topic of a text.				
	-I can determine an author's point of view (What do I know about the author's opinions, values, and/or beliefs?) and explain his/her purpose -I can analyze how an author acknowledges and responds to conflicting evidence or viewpoints				
	-I can identify a topic that causes or has caused a debate in society. -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.				
		argument with textual evidence	("word for word" support) for	ound in credible sourc	ces.
		e counterclaims (opposing clair			
				tructure(s) that will all	ow me to organize my information best.
	-I can analyze the i	info, identify vocab specific to r	ny topic, and organize infor	mation into broader ca	ategories using my chosen structure(s).
	-I can present my information in a formal style that includes an introduction that previews what is to follow, supporting details transitions (to clarify and create cohesion when I move from one idea to another), and a concluding statement/section the				
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		red with key points and textual			concerding to guestions, and eleberating on
	-I can participate in a discussion by posing questions that connect the ideas of several speakers, responding to questions, and my own ideas and/or the ideas of others.			esponding to questions, and elaborating on	
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		ns that are supported by fact(s)		(s).	
		speaker's argument is reasona			upport his/her claims.
	-I can identify if a speaker has introduced irrelevant evidence when presenting his/her claim.				
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Vocabulary Suggestions	Paraphrase	Acknowledge		Fallacy	Tier 3 Counterclaim
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		Acknowledge			Counterclaim
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8th Grade - Unit 2 (Assessments 3 & 4) Semester 1 (2nd 9 weeks) Theme: What are the challenges of heroism?

	Reading – Literary/Informational	Writing	Speaking & Listening	Language/Conventions	
Standards (Reporting Strands)	Read closely to cite, analyze and infer appropriate to task, purpose and audience	Produce clear and consistent writing appropriate to task, purpose and audience.	Present and respond to information appropriate to task, purpose and audience.	Demonstrate command of grammar, usage and language appropriate to task, purpose and audience.	
Instructional Focus Standards	3 – Analyze events/lines 5- Analyze structure	2 – Informative/Explanatory 7- Research 8 – Gather evidence	2 – Presentation purpose 4-Presentation of information 5-Make strategic use of digital media	4 - Meaning of unknown and multiple- meaning words and phrases	
Topical Essential Questions	How does a reader gain information from a text?	How do writers find quality source material and document it properly?	How can speaking and listening skills improve a person's ability to comprehend and make a claim?	How do writers develop informational text?	
Enduring Understandings	Readers are informed through the analysis, inference and evaluation of context, text structures and text features.	Writers integrate multimedia and visual displays to present a claim	Listeners analyze the main idea and details presented by others to allow for conversation and collaboration to support their position	Writers organize their writing	
Assessments	Formative		Summative		
	Elements of an argument Claim, reasons, evidence, elaboration Fact/Opinion and Bias Evaluate an author's argument/information Evaluate validity/credibility of evidence and information presented in research Include reasoning (elaboration) that helps explain the evidence. Techniques used in the media actively listen to public speeches Structure of broadcasts Elements of an infographic Design and Style Elements/Visual representation of facts Inferencing of charts and pictures		 Infographic a. Research b. Create c. Analyze Broadcast a. Analysis (of Broadcasts) b. Write Script c. Speaking- present broadcast 		
Learning Targets	 I can identify the side of an argument an author presents in a text. I can determine the credibility of the author and his/her purpose (who wrote it, when it was written, and why it was written). I can identify claims that are supported by facts(s) and those that are opinion(s). I can recognize when an author introduces irrelevant evidence (unrelated or unnecessary evidence) to his/her argument. I can delineate and evaluate an argument using the evidence an author provides and determine if the evidence provided is relevant and 			her argument.	

	 sufficient to support the claim. I can analyze the structure of a specific paragraph in a text and determine how this paragraph helps to develop or refine a key concept. I can analyze and explain how the role of particular sentences help to develop and refine the author's key concept. I can define common organizational/formatting structures and determine a structure(s) that will allow me to organize my information best. I can analyze the information, identify vocabulary specific to my topic, and organize information into broader categories using my chosen structure(s). I can present my information in a formal style that includes an introduction that previews what is to follow, supporting details, varied transitions (to clarify and create cohesion when I move from one idea to another), and a concluding statement/section that supports the information presented. I can come prepared with key points and textual evidence to contribute to a discussion. I can track the progress of a discussion and recognize when the discussion is getting off-topic. I can track the progress of a discussion and recognize when the discussion is getting off-topic. I can make relevant observations and use my ideas and comments to further the discussion. I can review the key ideas presented in a discussion, integrate them with my own when warranted (appropriate), and justify my own views based on evidence introduced by others. I can determine salient (important/key) points and emphasize then when presenting my claims and/or findings. I can support my claims and/or findings with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details. I can present my information in a logical sequence using appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation. 			
Vocabulary	Tier 2		Tier 3	
Suggestions	Inference Justify Purpose Analysis Evaluate Integrate Design	M C Pi M	fographic lultimedia hart/Graph ictograph lediums ext Features	Broadcast Script Cue Vox Pop Piece to Camera Interview
Recommended Text	StudySync BLASTS: "On Air" "Reaching the Masses" Skill Lesson in Unit 2: Skill: Informational Text Structure (Remarks in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust) Skill lesson Unit 3: Skill: Textual Evidence (Chasing Lincoln's Killer) NewsELA- Search for news journalism;	heroic qu Anne F Boy in t Growin Para Dear M Blas Narrative Paul I Sullivan E The Red	ualities if using this the rank the Striped Pajamas ng up in Hitler's Shadow Ilel Journeys iss Breed t: A Model of Courage	tts to read and investigate eme. (Your choice) Units 2 & 4

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8th Grade - Unit 3 (Assessments 5&6) Semester 2 (1st nine weeks)

Theme: How does understanding challenges of the past influence the future?

	Reading – Literary/Informational	Writing	Speaking & Listening	Language/Conventions
Standards (Reporting Strands)	Read closely to cite, analyze and infer appropriate to task, purpose and audience.	Produce clear and consistent writing appropriate to task, purpose and audience.	Present and respond to information appropriate to task, purpose and audience	Demonstrate command of grammar, usage and language appropriate to task, purpose and audience.
Instructional Focus Standards	4-Determine meanings of words/phrases (figurative language) 5- Analyze in detail the structure of a specific paragraph in a text, including the role of particular sentences in developing and refining a key concept.	2- Explanatory/Analysis	2 – Presentation purpose	1 –English grammar and usage 2- Conventions
Topical Essential Questions	How does an author use poetic devices to create meaning and tone?	How can a writer use evidence and reasoning to support a thesis?	How does an author use arrangement of words to create meaning?	What literary elements does a writer use to engage and inform a reader of their intended purpose?
Enduring Understandings	Choice and placement of words and phrases can help create meaning.	Writers use word nuances to alter the readers' interpretation of the text	Understand how to write an analysis essay.	Writers use transitions and syntax results in a cohesive, focused composition.
	Formative		Summative	
Assessments	 Stories/text about challenges that were faced by people in the past Why writers use various sentence structures Evaluate texts for authors' use of syntax. How author's syntax creates meaning. Include valid evidence from the text Use reasoning to elaborate the evidence Poetic devices: rhyme, repetition, meter, figurative language, allusions, Imagery, tone, analogies, allusions Poetry analysis tools Word choice- figurative/literal, connotative/denotative, etc 		 Syntax Analysis Evaluate the syntax in text (reading) Write (Analysis of syntax) Conventions- (in the analysis) Poetry Analysis Analysis (of Broadcasts) Write Script Speaking- present broadcast 	
Learning Targets	 I can compare (analyze the similarities) and contrast (analyze the differences) structures found in two or more texts. I can analyze the differing structures of two or more text and determine how the differences affect the overall meaning and style of each text I can infer why an author chose to present his/her text using a particular structure. I can define and identify various forms of figurative language (e.g., simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification, alliteration, onomatopoeia). I can distinguish between literal language and figures of speech. I can recognize the difference between denotative meanings and connotative meaning. 			

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	 -I can analyze why authors choose specific words to evoke a particular meaning or tone. -I can define, identify and analyze authors' use of analogies (comparisons between two things that are similar) and allusions (indirect references to other texts). -I can define common organizational/formatting structures and determine a structure(s) that will allow me to organize my information best. -I can analyze the info, identify vocabulary specific to my topic, and organize information into broader categories using my chosen structure(s). -I can present my information in a formal style that includes an introduction that previews what is to follow, supporting details, varied transitions, and a concluding statement/section that supports the information presented. -I can determine when to capitalize words (e.g., proper nouns, "I", first word in a sentence). -I can determine when to use a comma or commas to indicate a pause or a break. -I can determine when to use a dash or dashes to indicate a pause or a break -I can use an ellipsis to show when words I am quoting are left out in the middle or at the end of a sentence -I can identify misspelled words and use resources to assist me in spelling correctly. -I can identify and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood 		
Vocabulary Suggestions	Tier 2 Construct Design Varied Conceptualize Exemplify Illustrate Adapt Link	Tier 3IronySyntactical DevicesAllusionScheme/TropeAnalogyToneTempoMoodSyntaxPunctuation (ellipses, em-dash, semicolon, etc)Sentence structure (simple, compound, complex, compound-complex)	
Recommended Text	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) Study Sync Stories/Poems/ Texts to read and investigate how syntax creates meaning (past challenges). Unit 4 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 House Divided Speech to the Ohio Women's Conference: And Ain't I a Woman Civil War Journal Gettysburg Address BLAST- The Civil War O Captain! My Captain! BLAST- Fresh Start	 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 4) O Captain My Captain (unit 4) Jabberwocky (search in Library) NewsELA- Search "Poetry" NewsELA- Search for any event from history about the Civil War (will be analyzing for syntax/description/meaning)	

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8th Grade - Unit 4 (Assessments 7 & 8) Semester 2 (2nd nine weeks)

Theme: How does one overcome challenges?

	Reading – Literary/Informational	Writing	Speaking & Listening	Language/Conventions
Standards (Reporting Strands)	Read closely to cite, analyze and infer appropriate to task, purpose and audience.	Produce clear and consistent writing appropriate to task, purpose and audience.	Present and respond to information appropriate to task, purpose and audience	Demonstrate command of grammar, usage and language appropriate to task, purpose and audience.
Instructional Focus Standards	2-Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development 3- Analyze characters/events 6 – Analyze point of view	1- Explanatory/Analysis 3 – Narrative 5 – Writing Process	1 – Prepare and participate	 3 – knowledge of language and its conventions 2- Conventions 5-Figurative language 6 –Word choice
Topical Essential Questions	How do readers analyze a variety of eras and genres of literature?	How do writers organize narrative pieces?	How do writers use literary elements and devices in their writing?	How does point of view impact a reader's interpretation?
Enduring Understandings	Readers identify universal themes that can be examined through literary analysis. Understand how the various genres are alike and different.	Writers craft their text using tone, mood, and point of view to develop the theme. Understand how authors use elements of suspense to create anxiety in the readers	A text provides the landscape of the character or event which allows a reader to question and investigate the event and people. Understand how a genre can be used to best communicate a theme	Readers can determine author's purpose and theme by identifying and evaluating the point of view.
	For	mative	Summative	
Assessments	The definition of a theme and a universal theme. How the theme is developed in various genres. The elements of various genres elements/devices Evaluate texts for the elements of the genre. Analysis essay structure. Using valid evidence from the text Use reasoning to elaborate the evidenceVarious archetypes Characterization Literary Suspense elements Purpose of dialogue		 Genre Analysis Analysis of theme & genre elements (reading) Write (Constructed response) Conventions- figurative language, word relationships Suspenseful Narrative Analysis of dialogue(reading) Write Story Conventions- consistency in mood and tense 	
Learning Targets	 -I can define central idea and theme & 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 choose a side of the argument and identify reasons that support my choice. -I can determine the credibility of a source and the accuracy of the details 		 -I can signal changes in time and place by using transition words, phrases, & clauses to show relationships among experiences and events. -I can write a logical conclusion that reflects on the experiences/events and provides a sense of closure -I can define and identify various forms of figurative language and distinguish between literal language and figures of speech 	

	presented in the source. -I can analyze how a particular incident in a story or drama propels the action and/or provokes a decision -I can recognize how making a change to one line of dialogue or one incident could affect the actions, aspects of a character, or decisions -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 introduct supporting details with transitions, and provide a concluding statement/section that supports my argument. -I can engage the reader by introduction the narrator (first, second or t person point of view), characters, setting, and the event that starts the story in motion. -I can use narrative techniques (dialogue, pacing, description, reflection to develop a storyline where one event logically leads to another. -I can use descriptive words and phrases that appeal to the senses, capture action, and help my reader understand the experiences and events (create mind pictures).	 -I can recognize the difference between denotative meanings (all words have a dictionary definition) and connotative meaning -I can create sentences with verbs in the active voice and in the passive voice to achieve a particular effect. -I can create sentences with verbs in the conditional mood, and subjunctive mood to achieve a particular effect. -I can determine when to capitalize words (e.g., proper nouns, "I", first word in a sentence). -I can determine when to use a comma or commas to indicate a pause -I can determine when to use an ellipsis to indicate a pause or a break -I can determine when to use a dash or dashes to indicate a pause or a break
Vocabulary Suggestions	Tier 2Analysis / AnalyzeCiteInterpretationInferenceIntroduceOrganizeOrganizeComposeDevelopDecideDefineNarrateConveyPredictCaptureProvoke	Tier 3Point of ViewAuthor's purposeFigurative LanguageSuspenseStyleThemeAdjectives: comparative and superlativeTenseStory elements: Characterization, Conflict, Plot/Plot-line, Dialogue,Resolution, Climax, EpisodeSubordinate character
Recommended Text	Study Sync Skill lessons: • Skill-Spotlight: Theme (grade 8) Study Sync Texts of various genres (search in library tab) You can also seat 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) • Long Walk to Water (Historical Fiction) • Chains (Historical Fiction) • Aesop's Fables (Fable) • Strange Stories from the Lodge of Leisures (Fables)	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 Unit 1 BLAST- Suspense Monkey's Paw The Bells Sorry, Wrong Number BLAST- When Fear Becomes a Phobia A Night to Remember Let 'em Play God Cujo The Raven (9th grade unit) Lord of the Flies Ten Days in a Madhouse The Tell Tale Heart