



8th Grade English Curriculum

M.P	Topic:	Length	Guiding Questions	Reading/Writing Assignments	Reading and Writing Assessments
1-4	Vocabulary Development/SAT Preparation	ongoing	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What words in the sentence provide context clues to a word's meaning.2. How are sentences constructed?3. How do words work together to make sentences?	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Use of context clues to determine word meanings.2. Various sentence structures are taught and practiced on a weekly basis.3. Parts of speech are reinforced through weekly collaborative practice.	Various Wonder Words Tests Wonder Words Assessment Example By the end of the year, students will be able to write sixteen different sentence structures. Sentence Construction
1-4	Khan Academy Courses: Grammar and SAT Test Preparation	ongoing	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Can you identify the parts of speech?2. How do you apply the basic marks of punctuation?3. What does the SAT	<p>There are ten separate units taught within the Grammar Course. The units review parts of speech as well as basic grammar rules.</p> <p>The SAT Course allows students to practice SAT</p>	There are four question assignments, quizzes, and tests contained within the program. SAT diagnostic test



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			test look like? What are some sample questions/practice?	formatted grammar questions.	and then specialized questions for skill development.
1-4	Independent Reading	ongoing	1. How does an author create a character? 2. How do the six traits of writing apply to independent novels? 3. What are the main events that sequence a story?	1. Reading Logs 2. Book Talks	R: Free-Reading Books W: Reading Logs Book Presentation Evaluation
1	Narrative Writing Poetry	14 weeks	1. How can narrative elements be applied to poetry? 2. How does punctuation and formatting (lines/stanzas) affect how a poem is read and understood? 3. How is the author's craft/6 Traits of Writing demonstrated in poetry?	1. Use of mentor text provided by published poets as well as by former students. 2. Close reading and notetaking. 3. Collecting topics, formatting, punctuation, and figurative language inspiration to be applied in student-generated work. 4. Collaborative revision and editing.	R: Analyzing Provided Poems W: Finished Poems Poetry Rubric



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			4. What is the importance of figurative and sensory language in experiencing poetry?		
2-3	Argumentative / Informational Reading Current Topic: Is College the Right Choice for Me?	10 weeks	1. What are the differences between argumentative and descriptive writing? 2. What makes a source credible? 3. What are the types of evidence? 4. How do you cite sources in MLA format? 5. What makes strong commentary?	1. Utilize Career Exploration data and activities provided by KCMS Counseling. 2. Build on the seventh grade argumentative paper as a basis for this year's writing. 3. Website credibility notes and practice 4. MLA formatting and notetaking. 5. Scaffolded writing of a five-paragraph essay. 6. Collaborative revision and editing	R: Various source documents. W: Argumentative College Rubric
4	Narrative Reading Current Short Story: "Flowers for	9 weeks	1. How can the 6 Traits of Writing be applied to a short story? 2. How does Point of View affect a story?	1. POV charts for every section of the story to show character development. 2. Close reading and notetaking throughout.	R: Analyzing "Flowers for Algernon" W: Post-Reading Essay



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	Algernon”		3. How do you provide evidence to support a point of view? 4. How can voice, word choice, and sentence fluency show how a character develops (changes) throughout a story?	3. Essay mapping.	Essay Test
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