

English 8 Course Information



English

Content Area	Learning Focuses
Reading	 Cite textual evidence that most strongly supports the analysis Determine what the text says explicitly Summarize a text. Explain how a theme develops over the course of a text. Use context clues to define words and phrases, including figurative language. Explain how words and phrases contribute to tone and mood. Self-select a variety of student-appropriate texts based on interest.
Writing	 Support claims with sufficient evidence. Acknowledge counterclaims. Organize using formal academic writing. Produce clear and coherent writing. Organize and develop content using a formal writing process. Generate effective research questions. Develop an outline according to evidence gathered. Integrate multiple types of credible sources to support research. Provide accurate citations for evidence. Make and develop claims to support an argument. Correctly use grammar in speaking and writing. Correctly use punctuation and spelling in writing. Use context clues and word structure to determine meaning of words.
Listening, Speaking, Viewing, and Exchanging Ideas	 Participate in a variety of discussions on substantive topics. Prepare for discussions by gathering evidence and perspectives. Abide by commonly held rules, goals, and outcomes that define the purpose of the discussion. Ask questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations and ideas, demonstrating preparation for the discussion



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