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|  | Reading 6 | Reading 7 | Reading 8 |
| Summer | Summer Reading: 2 ReadWorks Articles, 2 IXL topics (one informational, one grammar), Novel (either LOSER or MOCKINGBIRD) | Summer Reading:  2 ReadWorks Articles, 2 IXL topics (one informational, one grammar), Novel: THE REVEALERSHonors: THE POETRY OF ROBERT FROST | Summer Reading:  2 ReadWorks Articles, 2 IXL topics (one informational, one grammar), Novel: THE BULLYHonors:The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian |
| UNIT A | American Folklore:Paul Bunyan, Pecos Bill, John HenryCreate your own folklore with an AMerican Value! | JGB 7: MythologyGreek Gods: McDougall SeriesGB 7: Mythology - Blue Book- GREEK GODS | JGB 8 - Characters in Conflict - Short StoriesThe Most Dangerous GameThe Cask of AmontilladoTo Build a FireThe Birds (if time permits)GB 8-Hero Archetypes in Literature:Greek hero stories, archetype of the hero.Perseus, Theseus, Heracles, Jason and the Argonauts |
| UNIT B | NOVELSManiac MageeWatsons Go To Birmingham | NOVELSJGB 7 -Coming of Age Novel: Tom Sawyer & Freak The Mighty (paired with Letter From The Fringe)The OutsidersGB 7 - A Wrinkle In Time, The Giver &The OutsidersCombined Classes - JGB 7 & GB 7Read- A-Long Novel(during PARCC)Nothing But The Truth | NOVELSJGB8 - The Pearl & Swallowing StonesGB 8 - A Raisin in the Sun Frederick Douglas & Langston HughesCombined Classes - JGB 8 & GB 8Tuesdays with Morrie |
| UNIT C | The Short Story Elements of fiction Stray by Cynthia Rylant Mother and Daughter by Gary Soto(setting and characteristics)(Lit Analysis Essay) | Combined Classes - JGB 7 & GB 7The Short Story Suspense/Horror/Dramatic IronyThe NecklaceMonkey’s PawTell Tale HeartLady or the Tiger  | House On Mango Street To Kill a MockingbirdBrown Girl DreamingLetter From the Fringe |
| Unit D | Nonfiction: Text Structure The Race to the South Pole/Florence Nightingale and Jane Addams | Biographical Drama:Miracle Worker  | Poetry:Robert FrostWalt WhitmanBilly CollinsMaya AngelouElizabeth BishopRL |
| Unit E | Elements of Biography and Drama:Anne FrankRI/RL | Added novel (The Outsiders) | The Short Story 3: JGB8Psychological conflicts in literatureThe Most Dangerous GameTo Build a FireThe BirdsGB8Cultural ConflictsFish Cheeks by Amy TanThe Present (Pixar Short) |

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|  | Language Arts 6 | Language Arts 7 | Language Arts 8 |
| Unit A: | Narrative Task:Personal Narrative(Expanding on a moment)Fictional Narrative (writing an original continuation of a passage- be sure to use what you have learned about the setting and characters in the passage) \*”Spicy” Vocabulary\*Dialogue\*Sensory Details | Narrative Task:Developing a characterCompose monologue Retell the narrative from a different character’s point of view. Be sure to include thoughts of the character. Narrative should clearly reflect the characterization and setting in the passage.VocabularyDialogueSensory DetailsCommasSentence Structure | Narrative Task::Personal Narrative(This I Believe)Fictional Narrative(writing an original continuation of a passage- be sure to use what you have learned about the setting and characters in the passage) \*Smiley-Face Tricks\*Dialogue Format |
| Unit B | Research Simulation TaskResearch one article, one passage, and view one video to gather information to write an essay.  | Research Simulation TaskResearch one article, one passage, and one video to gather information to write an essay. Independent research from one article, one passage, and one video to gather information  | Opinion WritingEditorial Writing |
| Unit C: | Opinion Writing Yes or No ClaimArgument text structure.Evaluating arguments in favor of or against a specific topic | Argument Based Writing Yes or No Claim (Bigger topics)Review argument text structureUsing rhetorical tools of argument.Create Editorial based on Charity Presentations  | Research Based WritingPersuasive Research on a Controversial Topic (Using primary and secondary sources to research a controversial topic. Utilize MLA format to properly document sources) |
| Unit D: | Research PaperThe Research Project (Researching a historical event) | Persuasive Writing/Speaking and Listening Workshop 2Review persuasive strategies Create persuasive pitch on a new productEvaluate products | Creative Writing/Speaking and Listening WorkshopPODCAST RECORDINGS of This I Believe Narrative8th Grade Yearbook Poem |
| Unit E: |  |  | Public Speaking8th Grade Graduation Speech |