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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 REVEALERS  Honors: THE POETRY OF ROBERT FROST | Summer Reading:  2 ReadWorks Articles, 2 IXL topics (one informational, one grammar), Novel: THE BULLY  Honors:The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian |
| UNIT A | American Folklore:  Paul Bunyan, Pecos Bill, John Henry  Create your own folklore with an AMerican Value! | JGB 7: Mythology  Greek Gods: McDougall Series  GB 7: Mythology - Blue Book- GREEK GODS | JGB 8 - Characters in Conflict - Short Stories  The Most Dangerous Game  The Cask of Amontillado  To Build a Fire  The 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 | NOVELS  Maniac Magee  Watsons Go To Birmingham | NOVELS  JGB 7 -Coming of Age Novel: Tom Sawyer & Freak The Mighty (paired with Letter From The Fringe)  The Outsiders  GB 7 - A Wrinkle In Time, The Giver &  The Outsiders  Combined Classes - JGB 7 & GB 7  Read- A-Long Novel  (during PARCC)  Nothing But The Truth | NOVELS  JGB8 - The Pearl & Swallowing Stones  GB 8 - A Raisin in the Sun  Frederick Douglas & Langston Hughes  Combined Classes - JGB 8 & GB 8  Tuesdays 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 7  The Short Story Suspense/Horror/Dramatic Irony  The Necklace  Monkey’s Paw  Tell Tale Heart  Lady or the Tiger | House On Mango Street  To Kill a Mockingbird  Brown Girl Dreaming  Letter 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 Frost  Walt Whitman  Billy Collins  Maya Angelou  Elizabeth Bishop  RL |
| Unit E | Elements of Biography and Drama:  Anne Frank  RI/RL | Added novel (The Outsiders) | The Short Story 3:  JGB8  Psychological conflicts in literature  The Most Dangerous Game  To Build a Fire  The Birds  GB8  Cultural Conflicts  Fish Cheeks by Amy Tan  The 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 character  Compose 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.  Vocabulary  Dialogue  Sensory Details  Commas  Sentence 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 Task  Research one article, one passage, and view one video to gather information to write an essay. | Research Simulation Task  Research 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 Writing  Editorial Writing |
| Unit C: | Opinion Writing  Yes or No Claim  Argument text structure.  Evaluating arguments in favor of or against a specific topic | Argument Based Writing  Yes or No Claim (Bigger topics)  Review argument text structure  Using rhetorical tools of argument.  Create Editorial based on Charity Presentations | Research Based Writing  Persuasive 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 Paper  The Research Project (Researching a historical event) | Persuasive Writing/Speaking and Listening Workshop 2  Review persuasive strategies  Create persuasive pitch on a new product  Evaluate products | Creative Writing/Speaking and Listening Workshop  PODCAST RECORDINGS of This I Believe Narrative  8th Grade Yearbook Poem |
| Unit E: |  |  | Public Speaking  8th Grade Graduation Speech |