

## **Junior English Essential Learnings**

### **The student:**

#### **Literature**

1. Discerns the author's intent in pieces of American Literature by analyzing style, historical context, point of view, diction, and tone.
2. Connects ideas, themes, and time periods among American Literature selections.

#### **Reading**

3. Develops relevant background knowledge to make connections.
4. Makes inferences when reading.
5. Synthesizes information from texts.
6. Develops vocabulary by using context to build understanding of words.

#### **Composition**

7. Writes effective multi-paragraph compositions that include a thesis statement, an introductory paragraph, supporting paragraphs with relevant details, transitions from one paragraph to the next, and a concluding paragraph.

#### **Language**

8. Edits writing to correct fragments and run-on sentences.
9. Uses correct capitalization and punctuation.
10. Edits writing for correct usage of homonyms (specifically their/there/they're, to/too/two, and your/you're) and the correct word of often confused pairs, with emphasis on its/it's, accept/except, lie/lay, affect/effect, between/among, then/than.