

Eighth Grade Language Arts Essential Learnings

The student...

Literature

1. Analyzes a literary selection by identifying the setting, plot, and conflict.
2. Defines the term *theme*.
3. Identifies similes, metaphors, and foreshadowing in literary texts.

Reading

4. Uses context clues to gain meaning of vocabulary and text.
5. Identifies main idea from text.
6. Summarizes text.

Writing

7. Writes multi-paragraph essays with effective organization (introduction, body, and conclusion).
8. Revises own writing for improved sentence fluency.
9. Edits own writing for improved conventions.

Language

10. Writes complete sentences with correct beginning capitalization and ending punctuation.
11. Punctuates compound sentences correctly:
12. Distinguishes between common and proper nouns, and capitalizes proper nouns.
13. Identifies simple subjects and verbs within a sentence.
14. Identifies and corrects fragments and run on sentences.