

**GRADE 8 ELA CURRICULUM SNAPSHOT  
2019-2020**

SEMESTER 1		
QUARTER 1		QUARTER 2
<b>1 WEEK</b>	<b>9 WEEKS</b>	<b>10 WEEKS</b>
<p><b>Class overview/ opening of year activities/ rituals &amp; routines</b></p> <p><i>see Rituals and Routines Grades 6-8 doc</i></p>	<p><b>Perspectives and Narrative</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sub-unit 1 Welcome!</li> <li>• Sub-unit 2 Get Started Lessons 1-6 &amp; 9 (<b>7-8 optional</b>)</li> <li>• Sub-unit 3 Narrative Writing</li> <li>• <b>Sub-unit 4 Write an Essay (Informational)</b></li> <li>• <b>Omit</b> Sub-unit 5 Perspectives &amp; Narrative Reading Assessment</li> </ul>	<p><b>Liberty and Equality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sub-unit 1 “Song of Myself” (Poetry)</li> <li>• Sub-unit 2 Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglas (Narrative)</li> <li>• Sub-unit 3 Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl (Autobiography)</li> <li>• Sub-unit 4 The Boys’ War (Personal Narrative-Letters)</li> <li>• Sub-unit 5 The Gettysburg Address (Speech)</li> <li>• <b>Optional if time permits--</b> Sub-unit 6 Write an Essay (Argument)</li> <li>• <b>Sub-unit 7 Liberty &amp; Equality Reading Assessment</b></li> </ul>
<b>Amplify Poetry in America lessons available as time permits</b>		
<b>Assessments:</b> AIMSweb/NWEA /Interim 1; Essay		<b>Assessments:</b> AIMSweb /Interim 2; Essay and Unit Reading Assessment

SEMESTER 2			
QUARTER 3		QUARTER 4	
<b>8 WEEKS</b>	<b>2 WEEKS</b>	<b>4 WEEKS</b>	<b>6 WEEKS</b>
<p><b>Science and Science Fiction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sub-unit 1 <i>Gris Grimly's Frankenstein</i>-(Fiction)</li> <li>• <b>Optional if time permits—</b> Sub-unit 2 Write an Essay (Argument)</li> <li>• Sub-unit 3 Poetical Science- (Poetry, Speech &amp; an Article)</li> <li>• <b>Sub-unit 4 Science &amp; Science Fiction Reading Assessment</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Holocaust: Memory and Meaning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sub-unit 1 Why Remember?</li> <li>• Sub-unit 2 “True” Germans</li> <li>• Sub-unit 3 The Olympic Games of Berlin</li> <li>• Sub-unit 4 Descending into Darkness</li> <li>• Sub-unit 5 Never Forget</li> <li>• <b>Sub-unit 6 Write an Essay (Informative)</b></li> <li>• <b>Omit</b> Sub-unit 7 Unit Reading Assessment</li> </ul>		<p><b>The Space Race Collection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sub-unit 1 Information Literacy</li> <li>• Sub-unit 2 Scavenger Hunt &amp; Internet Research</li> <li>• Sub-unit 3 Space Blogs &amp; Collection Research</li> <li>• <b>Optional if time permits—</b> Sub-unit 4 Socratic Seminar &amp; Internet Research</li> <li>• <b>Sub-unit 5 Write an Essay (Argument/Informative)</b></li> <li>• <b>Omit</b> Sub-unit 6 The Space Race Collection Reading Assessment</li> </ul>
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