



8th Grade English Language Arts Year at a Glance

Teacher: Mr. Toop

	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Short Story of the Month	"Flowers for Algernon" by Daniel Keyes	"The Tell-Tale Heart" by Edgar Allan Poe	"The Diary of Anne Frank" Play by Francis Goodrich and Albert Hackett and Drama Unit	(cont.)"The Diary of Anne Frank" Play by Francis Goodrich and Albert Hackett and Drama Unit	Lit. Midterm "The Treasure of Lemon Brown" by Walter Dean Myers	"Paul Revere's Ride" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and Poetry Unit	"Maui" Traditional Polynesian Story and Mythology Unit	"An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge" by Ambrose Bierce	"The Necklace" by Guy de Maupassant	"The Monkey's Paw" by W.W. Jacobs Lit. Final Exam
Literature Topics	Plot, Characterization, Theme, Figurative Language, Allusions/Analogies, Motivation, Citing Text Evidence, Paired Nonfiction, Movie Analysis/Comparison, Historical Accounts/Context	Plot, Figurative Language, Mood/Tone, Vocabulary Word Meaning/Usage, Citing Text Evidence, Irony, Writing Summaries, Paired Nonfiction, Movie Analysis/Comparison, Other Writing	Conflict, Character Traits, Characterization, Theme, Figurative Language, Drama, Writing Summaries, Paired Nonfiction, Historical Accounts/Context	Conflict, Character Traits, Characterization, Theme, Figurative Language, Drama, Writing Summaries, Paired Nonfiction, Historical Accounts/Context	Plot, Characterization, Character Types, Theme, Vocabulary Word Meaning/Usage, Citing Text Evidence, Symbolism	Plot, Figurative Language, Mood/Tone, Citing Text Evidence, Imagery, Symbolism, Poetry, Paired Nonfiction	Plot, Character Traits, Characterization, Character Types, Citing Text Evidence, Mythology, Archetypes, Paired Poetry, Paired Nonfiction, Movie Analysis/Comparison, Historical Accounts/Context	Story Devices, Point of View, Figurative Language, Allusions/Analogies, Citing Text Evidence, Movie Analysis/Comparison	Theme, Vocabulary Word Meaning/Usage, Citing Text Evidence, Symbolism, Irony, Paired Poetry, Paired Nonfiction, Movie Analysis/Comparison	Plot, Story Devices, Mood/Tone, Context Clues, Citing Text Evidence, Movie Analysis/Comparison, Other Writing
Articles of the Week	"Walkout! Student Protests" "Apartheid in South Africa" "Modern Folklore"	"Do Video Games Cause Violence?" "Human Experimentation" Louis Zamperinin"	"Arachnophobia" "Edgar Allan Poe" "Maggots as Medicine"	"Instagram Influencers" "Holocaust Survivors" "Should You Eat Like a Caveman?"	Reading Informational Texts Midterm, "Insects for Dinner" "9-11 Disease"	"Battle of Mogadishu" "Cookie Dough" "Paul Revere"	"Oumuamua: Messenger From Afar" "When High School Football Turns Deadly" "Teen Vaping Epidemic"	Reading Informational Text Review	Reading Informational Text Test Prep Reading Informational Text Final Exam	N/A
Greek and Latin Units	Grat, -oid, Vad/Vas; Grav, Omin-, Xyl; Hab/Hib, Habit/Hibit, Omni-; Ign, -onym	Kine, Oper, Torqu/Tort; Unit 1 Review; Lab, Laps, Ortho, Morph; Labor,Oxy, Ultra-	Lacrim, Pan-/Pam-; Lav, Pasc/Past; Leg, Path; Unit 2 Review	Lev, Pauc-, Vac; Liber, Pecc; Libr, Pati/Pass; Lingu, Pen-, Ultim-	Liter, Per-; Unit 3 Review; Lith, Petr-, Ven/Vent; Loqu/Locut, Pole/Poli, Urb	Lud/Lus, Prim-; Lun, Pseudo-, Quasi-; Man, Quer/Quisit; Unit 4 Review	Mand/Manu, Sacr/Secr; Mater/Matr, Scand/Scend; Ment, Scop/Scept; Merc, Se-/Sed-	Migr, Soci, Trop; Unit 5 Review; Milit, Tac/Tic; Mim, Tang/Ting/Tact/Tag	Mir, Tempor; Mitt/Miss, Terr; Moll, Test, Vag; Unit 6 Review	N/A
Grammar Topics	Review Parts of Speech Review Parts of a Sentence	Review Verbals Review Phrases and Clauses	Active and Passive Voice	Mood: Conditional Imperative	Mood: Interrogative Indicative Subjunctive	Transitive and Intransitive Verbs Review of Verbs	Types of Sentences: Simple and Compound Complex Compound-Complex	Sentence Diagramming	Punctuation	Grammar Review
Writing Topics	RACE Method	Paragraph Writing	Narrative Writing	Narrative Writing	Compare and Contrast Writing (Also see 8th Social Studies)	Argumentative/ Persuasive Writing (Also see 8th Social Studies)	Cause and Effect Writing (Also see 8th Social Studies)	Informative Writing	Informative Writing	Informative Writing