



2019-2020 Middle School Curriculum Planning Map

Humanities

8th Grade

	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May/June
Literacy	Variety of Short Stories to practice close reading strategies.	Edgar Allen Poe Poems and stories	Twelfth Night by Shakespeare		Speeches and Essays - JFK Inaugural Address, MLK speech and essay		The Outsiders by SE Hinton	Poetry - National Poetry Month	Autobiography excerpts from I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
Writing	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot; provide an objective summary of the text.	Research Paper- Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration. Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.	Compare and contrast the structure of two or more texts and analyze how the differing structure of each text contributes to its meaning and style.		Persuasive Essay - Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
Social Studies	Analyze the origins of the conflict between the 13 Colonies and Great Britain that lead to the Revolutionary War. Analyze the Declaration of Independence.	Examine the major American and British leaders, key events, international support, and consequences of the American Revolution.	Constitutional Convention: Key people and the creation of the Constitution. Analyze changes to the document throughout its history.	Rights and Responsibility of Citizens of United States	Industrial Revolution and the impact it had on US society and its economy.	Examine the social, political, and economic factors that caused Westward Expansion.	Civil War: Causes, major battles, lasting impact of the war. African American experience before and after the Emancipation Proclamation.	Reconstruction: Process of recovering from the war and the changes to society in the South. Lasting conflict from the war.	Geography of Canada and Mexico
Assessment	Narrative essay	Explanatory Essay	Research Paper			Persuasive Essay	Explanatory Essay	Analysis Paper	Literary Analysis

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