

CURRICULUM MAP – 8th Grade English

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Content	<p>A to Z Story “Original Siamese Twins” “The Most Intimate Bond” “The Ultimate Choice” <u>Of Mice and Men</u> Abortion Essay Dictation Journal Entries Weekly Spelling Tests (throughout the year)</p>	<p>“A Tribute to America” Conjunctions The Comma and the Semicolon Literary Elements and Techniques Character Analyses from <u>Of Mice and Men</u> and Self Soliloquy World Hunger Essay Contest</p>	<p>Nouns: Common, Proper, Abstract Pronouns Self-Descriptive Essay Spelling Bee Class Winner/Alternate Biographies Relationship Novels The Accident (*) Dictation Relationship Novels Fire Prevention Essay Contest I’m Thankful Essay Portfolio Update</p>	<p>State of Being Verbs Irregular Verbs Postcard Projects for Relationship Novels Shared The Business Letter: Request, Complaint Compliment, Order The Envelope Military Thank you Letters <u>Killing Mr. Griffin</u> ELA Preparation <u>Gentlehands</u> Poetry Contest</p>	<p>ELA Preparation <u>Killing Mr. Griffin</u> Epilogue Young Authors’ Contest <u>Gentlehands</u> Reaction <u>The Goats</u> The Quotation Within The Four Types of Sentences Indirect Quotations Diamonte Poetry Portfolio Update</p>	<p>ELA Preparation Series/Sequel by the Same Author Works Cited Page Quoting Within a Report (MLA) The Divided Quotation Walt Whitman Poetry Contest Biographies</p>	<p>ELA Preparation ELA Exam <u>Jumping the Nail</u> Series/Sequel Books Biographies Conversation: Punctuating Given Conversation and Creating Dialogue Computer Conversations/Essays The Possessive Apostrophe All-School Read-In</p>	<p>Possessive Story on Tape <u>Night</u> Humorous Possessive Story Possessives Test “The Trouble With Television” Computer Packages on Possessives 8th Grade DBQ Research Project Holocaust Speaker Special Assembly Thank you Letters to Speaker</p>	<p>Possessive Phrases Test Prepositions Prepositional Phrases Computer Preposition Packages Portfolio Essay Portfolio Update and Preparation for Final Grade Creative Writing for Portfolios Class Play: <u>The Diary of Anne Frank</u></p>	<p>Complete the play: <u>The Diary of Anne Frank</u> Teach the Adverb Required reading of selected short stories from Literature text Student reading of Selections from the Literature text</p>
Skills	<p>Creativity Making Literary Connections Determining Pros and Cons of Controversial Issues Listening Skills Appreciation of the Classics Vocabulary-Spelling Expansion (Annually) Benchmarks: Comprehension Getting the Meaning Vocabulary acquisition Literary terms</p>	<p>Nationalism Learning Punctuation Placement Authors’ Styles and Techniques Drama; Emoting Analyzing Character Traits Contest-Entering Benchmarks: Comprehension Getting the Meaning Vocabulary acquisition Literary terms</p>	<p>Identifying Nouns of All Types Proper Use of Pronouns Evaluating Self Spelling Proficiency Comparative Analysis Recognizing Problems and Solutions Listening/Writing Skills Benchmarks: Getting the Meaning - Vocabulary Text – Understanding</p>	<p>Identify and Use Verbs Properly Learn to Write a Postcard and a Business Letter Learn to address an Envelope Express Gratitude to Our Military Men Prepare for the ELA Poetry Expressions Benchmarks: Getting the Meaning - Vocabulary Text – Understanding</p>	<p>Reading, Listening, And Writing for the NYS Test Creativity in Story Extensions Opportunity to Write Personal Narratives Reaction to the Holocaust: Verbal And Written Proper Use of Quotation Marks Benchmarks: Getting the Meaning- Text Understanding Grammar Usage & Mechanics</p>	<p>Providing Students With Actual Test Conditions Preparation for H.S. Papers Learning MLA Requirements for Works Cited Page And Quoting Within a Report Reading to Evaluate An Author’s Purpose in Writing A Series/Sequel Benchmarks: Getting the Meaning- Text Understanding Grammar Usage & Mechanics</p>	<p>Reading, Listening, and Writing for the NYS Test Ability to Write and Punctuate Conversation Correctly Learning Where to Place the Possessive Apostrophe Searching for Possessive Errors in Daily Life Benchmarks: Text Understanding Comprehension Vocabulary Acquisition</p>	<p>Listening for Possessive Words and Spelling the Phrases Correctly Reading for Comprehension and Details Creativity with Possessives Identifying and Correctly Writing Possessives Critical Thinking Public Speaking Researching a Topic Benchmarks: Text Understanding Comprehension Vocabulary Acquisition</p>	<p>Promoting Flexibility in Possessive Phrasing Self Evaluation of 8th Grade Accomplishments Personal Narratives, Poetry, Critiques Provides expression In oral reading Brings History to Life Promotes discussion on the Holocaust Benchmarks: Comprehension Vocabulary Acquisition Vocabulary Understanding</p>	<p>Brings closure to a Teen life during the Holocaust and meaning to the charge to keep the Story alive Ability to increase Writing techniques using adverbs to enhance writing Familiarity with the classic short stories Freedom of choice to Select reading from a text. Benchmarks: Comprehension Vocabulary Acquisition Vocabulary Understanding</p>
Assessment	<p>Class Discussions: Expressing Opinions in Acceptable Ways Graded Dictation Graded Spelling Tests (Annually) Graded Essay</p>	<p>Conjunction Test Comma and Semicolon Test <u>Of Mice and Men</u> Final Exam – Inclusive of Literary Styles and Techniques and Punctuation Class Presentations of Soliloquies in Costume Contest Winners</p>	<p>Nouns Test including Pronouns and Sentence Corrections Spelling Winner and Alternate for the All-School Bee Graded Dictation to Point out Problems</p>	<p>Verb Test and Quiz Computer Week: Create Business Letters of All Types For Grades Envelope Test Awaiting Contest Winners All-School Spelling Bee</p>	<p><u>Killing Mr. Griffin</u> Test <u>Gentlehands</u> Test <u>The Goats</u> Quiz Quotation Marks: Quiz and Test Sharing of Epilogues and Reactions to <u>Gentlehands</u> and <u>Killing Mr. Griffin</u></p>	<p>Simulated ELA Test Divided Quotations Test Final Exam: <u>The Goats</u></p>	<p>ELA Scores Biography Comparisons Paper Conversation Test Score Computer Work Oral Reading and Sharing Poisonous Possessives Board for Extra Credit</p>	<p>Students at the Board With Possessive Phrases <u>Night</u> Quizzes Graded Quizzes Students Create and Sell Their Products Commercial Prizes Research Paper Grade in S.S. and English</p>	<p>Preposition Quizzes Computer Package Grade Portfolio Grade Student Conferencing About Evaluative Essay Written Daily reading aloud</p>	<p>Reader’s Reaction to <u>The Diary of Anne Frank</u> (guided questions) Adverbs Quiz Adverbs Test Selected Literature Comprehension Questions as well as free choice questions</p>