

# Grade 7 ELA and Pre-AP Year At A Glance

	<b>Unit 1 – Taking Action</b> Number of Days: 28	<b>Unit 2 – Reality</b> Number of Days: 29	<b>Unit 3 – Surviving the Unthinkable</b> Number of Days: 28
<b>First Semester</b>	<p>Essential Question: What helps people rise up to face difficulties?</p> <p>Notice and Note Signposts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Again and Again</li> <li>• Aha Moment</li> <li>• Memory Moment</li> </ul> <p>Comprehension of Literature: Short Story, Myth, Poem, History Writing</p> <p>Writing Portfolio: Informational Essay &amp; Mini-Q</p> <p>Pre-AP Extensions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summer Reading</li> <li>• Independent Novel Study</li> <li>• Media Project</li> </ul>	<p>Essential Question: What can blur the lines between what’s real and what’s not?</p> <p>Notice and Note Signposts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Again and Again</li> <li>• Aha Moment</li> <li>• Contrasts and Contradictions</li> </ul> <p>Comprehension of Literature: Short Story, Article, Folk Tale, Poem, Drama, Production Images</p> <p>Writing Portfolio: Multi-Modal Presentation</p> <p>Writing Contest – Do The Write Thing (Pre-AP requirement; open to all)</p> <p>Pre-AP Extensions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent Novel Study</li> <li>• Media Project</li> </ul> <p>Assessment: Writing DCA #1</p>	<p>Essential Question: Inspired by Nature</p> <p>Notice and Note Signposts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big Questions</li> <li>• Contrasts and Contradictions</li> <li>• Extreme Language</li> </ul> <p>Comprehension of Literature: Fiction; Argument, Memoir, Poem, Short Story, Video, Poster</p> <p>Writing Portfolio: Personal Narrative and Mini-Q</p> <p>Pre-AP Extensions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent Novel Study</li> <li>• Media Project</li> </ul> <p>Assessment: Reading DCA #1</p>
<b>Second Semester</b>	<p><b>Unit 4 – The Terror and Wonder of Space</b> Number of Days: 30</p> <p>Essential Question: Why is the idea of space exploration both inspiring and unnerving?</p> <p>Notice and Note Signposts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big Questions</li> <li>• Numbers and Stats</li> <li>• Word Gaps</li> </ul> <p>Comprehension of Literature: Science Writing, Science Fiction, Argument, Poem, Video</p> <p>Writing Portfolio: Argument</p> <p>Writing Contest – I Write (Pre-AP requirement; open to all)</p> <p>Pre-AP Extensions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent Novel Study</li> <li>• Media Project</li> </ul> <p>Assessment: Writing DCA #2</p>	<p><b>Unit 5 – More Than a Game</b> Number of Days: 30</p> <p>Essential Question: How do sports bring together friends, families, and communities</p> <p>Notice and Note Signposts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aha Moments</li> <li>• Tough Questions</li> <li>• Words of the Wiser</li> </ul> <p>Comprehension of Literature: Short Story, Informational, Novel in Verse, Poem</p> <p>Writing Portfolio: Short Story</p> <p>Pre-AP Extensions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent Novel Study</li> <li>• Media Project</li> </ul> <p>Assessment: Reading DCA #2</p> <p>Assessment: STAAR Writing Test</p>	<p><b>Unit 6 – Change Agents</b> Number of Days: 30</p> <p>Essential Question: What inspires you to make a difference?</p> <p>Notice and Note Signposts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big Questions</li> <li>• Extreme or Absolute Language</li> <li>• Quoted Words</li> </ul> <p>Comprehension of Literature: Personal Essay, Documentary, Short Story, Poem, History Writing,</p> <p>Writing Portfolio: Research Report</p> <p>Pre-AP Extensions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent Novel Study</li> <li>• Media Project</li> </ul> <p>Assessment: STAAR Reading Test</p>