

## Grade 8 ELA Year At A Glance



	<b>Unit 1 – Gadgets and Glitches</b> 31 Days	<b>Unit 2 – The Thrill of Horror</b> 27 Days	<b>Unit 3 – Places We Call Home</b> 27 Days
<b>First Semester</b>	<p>Essential Question: Does technology improve or control our lives?</p> <p>Comprehension of Literature: science fiction, informational, poetry, argument</p> <p>Writing Portfolio: Informational Essay</p> <p>Notice and Note Signposts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Again and Again</li> <li>• Aha Moment</li> <li>• Contracts and Contradictions</li> </ul> <p>Learning Mindset: Growth Mindset</p>	<p>Essential Question: What do we sometimes like to feel frightened?</p> <p>Comprehension of Literature: literary criticism, short story, poetry, short story, film clip</p> <p>Writing Portfolio: Literary Analysis</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>Learning Mindset: Curiosity</p>	<p>Essential Question: What are the places that shape who you are?</p> <p>Comprehension of Literature: fiction, argument, memoir, poetry, short story, video, poster</p> <p>Writing Portfolio: Short Story</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>Learning Mindset: Setting Goals</p>
	<b>Unit 4 – The Fight for Freedom</b> 30 Days	<b>Unit 5 – Finding Your Path</b> 29 Days	<b>Unit 6 – The Legacy of Anne Frank</b> 30 Days
<b>Second Semester</b>	<p>Essential Question: What will people risk to be free?</p> <p>Comprehension of Literature: autobiography, biography, historical fiction, poem, history writing</p> <p>Writing Portfolio: Research Report</p> <p>Notice and Note Signposts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big Questions</li> <li>• Contrasts and Contradictions</li> <li>• Word Gaps</li> </ul> <p>Learning Mindset: Effort</p>	<p>Essential Question: How do teenage years prepare you for adulthood?</p> <p>Comprehension of Literature: informational, novel, poetry, argument</p> <p>Writing Portfolio: Argumentative Essay</p> <p>Notice and Note Signposts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big Questions</li> <li>• Contrasts and Contradictions</li> <li>• Numbers and Stats</li> </ul> <p>Learning Mindset: Plan</p>	<p>Essential Question: What can we learn from Anne Frank?</p> <p>Comprehension of Literature: drama, diary, speech, poetry</p> <p>Writing Portfolio: Personal Narrative</p> <p>Notice and Note Signposts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contrasts and Contradictions</li> <li>• Memory Moment</li> <li>• Words of the Wiser</li> </ul> <p>Learning Mindset: Growth Mindset</p>