

	Content	Skills	Assessment	Common Core Standards	Essential Question(s)
August-September	<p>Writing a Composition</p> <p>Parts of a Composition</p> <p>Sentence Structure and Passive Writing</p> <p>Common Core Vocabulary</p>	<p>Parts of a composition, thesis writing, introduction, body paragraphs, conclusions, claims, support evidence, sentence types, subjects and predicates, indirect and direct objects, varying sentence length, structure, and syntactical issues</p>	<p>Writing prompts</p> <p>Quizzes</p> <p>Formal Test</p> <p>Composition</p>	<p>CCSS ELA W.8.2A,B,C,D,E</p>	<p>How do effective writers avoid passive voice and use syntax to formulate a writing structure that enhances the effectiveness of a composition?</p>
October-November	<p>Writing Process</p> <p>Peer Editing and Revision</p> <p>Grammar and Mechanics</p> <p>Common Core Vocabulary</p>	<p>Prewriting, drafting, editing, revision, publishing, parallel structure, elaboration, paragraph unity, main idea, topic and concluding sentences, paragraph coherence, patterns of organization,</p>	<p>Quizzes</p> <p>Writing Prompts</p> <p>Formal Written Test</p> <p>Composition two and three</p>	<p>CCSS ELA W.8.4 CCSS ELA W.8.5 CCSS ELA W.8.6</p>	<p>How does writing structure create a composition that is appropriate for the given topic, purpose, and audience?</p>

		colorful language, formal and informal language, connotation, denotation			
December- January	Research based writing Argumentative writing Expository writing Common Core Vocabulary	Evaluation of research materials, citations, parenthetical citations, works cited, bibliography, APA, research note cards, claims, support, evidence	Quizzes Writing Prompts Composition four and five	CCSS ELA W.8.7 CCSS ELA W.8.8 CCSS ELA W.9A,B CCSS ELA W.8.2A,B,C,D,E,F	How does research enhance a writer's claim and contribute to a composition's overall effectiveness?
February- March	Speaking and Listening Presentation Skills Common Core Vocabulary	Positions, arguments, support and reasoning, speaker, message, audience, channel, presentation, voice, noise, volume, feedback	Formal Speech Research Presentation	CCSS ELA SL 8.1A,B,C,D, CCSS ELA SL 8.2 CCSS ELA SL 8.3 CCSS ELA SL 8.4 CCSS ELA SL 8.5 CCSS ELA SL 8.6	How does learning speaking and listening skills prepare us for future endeavors?
April	Narrative Writing Common Core Vocabulary	Theme, tone, mood, exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, resolution, characters, characterization	Writing Prompts Narrative Stories	CCSS ELA W.8.3 A,B,C,D,E	How does a story's theme effect all components of a story map? Why is a personal narrative different from a narrative

					story?
May	<p>Research Composition</p> <p>Multi-media presentation</p> <p>Common Core Vocabulary</p>	<p>Evaluating and sourcing research materials</p> <p>PowerPoint properties and ideas</p>	Formal Presentation	<p>CCSS ELA W.8.4</p> <p>CCSS ELA W.8.5</p> <p>CCSS ELA W.8.6</p>	<p>How do visual aids enhance a speaker's position and/or claim?</p>