

Honors English 8th Grade Pacing Guide

8th GRADE HONORS ENGLISH

NOTE: Honors 8 is a continuation of H7 which introduces many 8th grade SOLs. Wherever possible, the introduction and instruction of 9th grade SOLs will begin, with the objective of creating ease of transition and strong groundwork for the freshman year at High School.

| Week | Reading and Word Knowledge Strands | Writing Strands | Oral Language and Research Strands |
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| FIRST NINE WEEKS | | | |
| 1 (short week) | Pretest, Routines Established | Pretest, Routines established | |
| 2 | 8.5 essential fiction concepts (review of all concepts from prior school year, emphasis on “analyze” as key verb) | Persuasive: 8.7 review utilizing released prompts for practice/application of concepts 8.7 a, b, c, d | We will begin our Project Based Learning arc of lessons that will run 7 weeks. This project includes all major SOLs, involves research, persuasive writing, media message creation, interviews, and presentations. |
| 3 | 8.6 (nonfiction) applied to PBL | 8.7 writing continues | “ |
| 4 | continuing reviews of 8.5 and application of 8.6 | 8.7 f | “ |
| 5 | “ | 8.7 g (emphasis: transitions) | “ |
| 6 | “ | 8.8 Revision and editing, grammar 8.8 f | “ |
| 7 | 8.4 word knowledge including connotation, denotation, derivation (reinstruct/review at next level) | 8.8 b | “ |
| 8 | “ | 8.8 e | “ |
| 9 | 8.6 (review all concepts from prior school year, emphasis on “analyze” as key verb) | Writing SOL review | |
| SECOND NINE WEEKS | | | |
| 1 | “ | WRITING SOL (approx.) | “ |
| 2 | “ | | 8.9 a, d |
| 3 | (continued work and application of 8.4 and 8.5 concepts) | 8.7/8.8: applied to informational writing | “ |

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| 4 | “ | “ | 8.3 c |
| 5 | (Continue work and application of 8.6 concepts paired with 8.5 concepts – paired passages) | “ | 8. 2 (review presentation skills) 8.3 d |
| 6 | “ | Narrative and poetic writing 8.7/8.8 utilizing and applying 8.4 (emphasis: figurative language) | 8.9 f |
| 7 | Reading SOL review Foci: 8.5 and 8.6 | “ | Creation and Presentations of final projects |
| 8 | Reading SOL review focus: 8.4 | “ | “ |
| 9 | Reading SOL | “ | “ |