

Grade 8 English

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Month	Essential Questions	Content	Skills	Assessment	Resources	Technology
Aug. - Sept.	<p>Grammar: Punctuation and Capitalization How punctuation and capital letters used in the English Language?</p> <p>How do writers use punctuation and capitalization to create a quality piece?</p>	<p>Grammar: Punctuation and Capitalization -Periods and Commas -Exclamation Points, Question Marks, Semicolons, and Colons -Quotation Marks and Italics -Apostrophes, Hyphens, & Dashes -Capital Letters</p>	<p>Grammar: Punctuation and Capitalization -Identify the use of periods and commas in sentences -Use periods and commas correctly -Use exclamation points, question marks, semicolons, and colons correctly -Use question marks, italics, and underlining correctly -Distinguish which items should appear in quotation marks and which should be italicized -Use apostrophes, hyphens, and dashes correctly -Apply rules for using capital letters correctly</p>	<p>Grammar: Punctuation and Capitalization Loyola Press <i>Voyages in English</i> (2006) -Daily assessments -Final assessment</p>	<p>Grammar: Punctuation and Capitalization Loyola Press <i>Voyages in English</i> (2006) -textbook -workbook</p>	<p>Grammar: Punctuation and Capitalization -ELMO -iPads -BrainPOP</p>
Sept.- Oct.	<p>Forms of Writing: Business Letters Why is it important for students to be able to communicate in a business letter?</p>	<p>Forms of Writing: Business Letters - Different types of business letters -5 parts of a business letter -Proper tone of a business letter -Clear purpose of a business letter</p>	<p>Forms of Writing: Business Letters -Examine and learn the characteristics and parts of business letters -Follow guidelines for writing effective business letters -State the purpose and to set the tone of a business letter -Revise a business letter -Use correct punctuation and capitalization</p>	<p>Forms of Writing: Business Letters -Business Letter using one of the following types: request, complaint, application, gratitude</p>	<p>Forms of Writing: Business Letters Loyola Press <i>Voyages in English</i> (2006) -textbook -workbook</p>	<p>Forms of Writing: Business Letters -ELMO -iPads</p>

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Nov. – Dec.	Forms of Writing: Narrative Realistic Fiction Essay Why is it important for a student to write a short fiction piece by creating action-filled plots and believable characters by crafting memorable scenes?	Forms of Writing: Narrative Realistic Fiction Essay -Introduction -Leads -Body Paragraphs -Endings	Forms of Writing: Narrative Realistic Fiction Essay -Use transition words correctly -Apply show vs. tell words - Avoid “be” verbs and boring words -Use dialogue/head thoughts -Develop characters through Scene Boot Camp -Develop 3-D Scenes instead of 2-D Scenes	Forms of Writing: Narrative Realistic Fiction Essay -Narrative Realistic Fiction Essay	Forms of Writing: Narrative Realistic Fiction Essay -“Thirteen and a Half” by Rachel Vail	Forms of Writing: Narrative Realistic Fiction Essay -ELMO -iPad -“Kurt Vonnegut on the Shapes of Stories” by David Comberg on YouTube
Jan. – Feb.	Grammar: Verbs Why is it important to know and understand the function of verbs?	Grammar: Verbs -Principle Parts of Verbs -Transitive and Intransitive Verbs -Troublesome Verbs -Linking Verbs -Active and Passive Voices -Simple, Progressive, and Perfect Tense -Indicative and Imperative Moods -Subjunctive Mood -Modal Auxiliaries -Subject and Verb Agreement	Grammar: Verbs -Identify that verbs are words that show action or state of being -Identify the base, past, present & past participle forms of a verb -Identify and use a transitive verb -Use a phrasal verb -Identify and use an intransitive verb -Distinguish between a transitive verb and an intransitive verb -Recognize how to use and how to avoid mistakes with troublesome verbs -Identify and use linking verbs correctly -Distinguish between	Grammar: Verbs Loyola Press <i>Voyages in English</i> (2006) -Daily assessments -Final assessment	Grammar: Verbs Loyola Press <i>Voyages in English</i> (2006) -textbook -workbook	Grammar: Verbs -ELMO -iPads -BrainPOP

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			active and passive voice of transitive verbs -Identify and use verbs in simple, progressive, and perfect tenses -Identify and use verbs to express indicative and imperative moods -Identify and use verbs to express subjunctive moods -Identify and use modal auxiliary verbs -Use verbs that agree with subjects in person and number -Identify when to use doesn't and don't -Identify which verbs to use with <i>you</i> as the subject -Recognize that there is and there are agree with the subject -Identify intervening phrases in order to achieve correct subject-verb agreement			
Feb.- March	Forms of Writing: Literary Essay Why is it important to give credit where credit is due when using other sources?	Forms of Writing: Literary Essay -MLA 8 in-text citation -MLA Works Cited Page	Forms of Writing: Literary Essay -Write in-text citations correctly -Organize a works cited page correctly	Forms of Writing: Literary Essay -Civil Rights Literary Essay including works cited page		
March - April	Forms of Writing: Argumentative Speech Why is it important for students to be able to	Forms of Writing: Argumentative Speech -Introduction -Counterclaim	Forms of Writing: Argumentative Speech -Use persuasion in convincing of one's	Forms of Writing: Argumentative Speech -Argumentative Speech with visual aide	Forms of Writing: Argumentative Speech - <i>Argumentative Writing: A Writer's Workshop for</i>	Forms of Writing: Argumentative Speech -ELMO -iPad

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	write to defend a claim?	-Thesis Statement -Body -Conclusion	opinion -Identify the author's point of view/audience -Write and evaluate precise thesis statements -Write a counterclaim		<i>Grades 6-8</i> by Jenna Smith - <i>Writing Remix</i> by Kristina Smekens	-ProCon.org
April - May	Grammar: Verbals How are verbals used in the English language? How do writers use verbals to create a quality piece?	Grammar: Verbals -Participles -Placement of Participles -Gerunds as Subjects and Complements -Gerunds as Objects and Appositives -Possessives with Gerunds, Using <i>-ing</i> Verb Forms -Infinitives as Subjects and Complements -Infinitives as Objects	Grammar: Verbals -Identify participles and the words they modify -Write the correct tense of participles in sentences -Identify participial adjectives and the nouns they modify -Identify and correct dangling and misplaced participles -Identify gerunds and gerund phrases as subjects and subject complements -Recognize gerunds used as direct objects, objects of prepositions, and as appositives -Use possessive forms with gerunds -Distinguish between <i>-ing</i> verb forms Identify infinitives and infinitive phrases used as: -Subjects and subject complements -Direct objects	Grammar: Verbals <i>Loyola Press Voyages in English</i> (2006) -Daily assessments -Final assessment	Grammar: Verbals <i>Loyola Press Voyages in English</i> (2006) -textbook -workbook	Grammar: Verbals -ELMO -iPad -BrainPop