

Eighth Grade English Content Outline

Topic	SOLs	Suggested Timeframe
I. COMMUNICATION SKILLS A. Interviewing Techniques B. Oral Presentations C. Mass Media Messages	8.1, 8.2, 8.3	3 weeks/ ongoing
II. VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT A. Word Origins B. Derivations C. Inflections D. Analogies E. Figurative Language	8.4	4 weeks/ ongoing
III. COMPREHENSION/FICTION A. Genres - Short Stories/Novels B. Literary Devices C. Story Elements D. Poetic Elements E. Author's Style	8.5	9 weeks/ ongoing
IV. COMPREHENSION/NARRATIVE NONFICTION A. Personal Essays B. Biographies C. Speeches	8.5	4 weeks/ ongoing
V. COMPREHENSION/POETRY A. Haiku B. Limerick C. Ballad D. Free Verse E. Couplet F. Quatrain	8.5	3 weeks/ ongoing
VI. INFORMATIONAL SOURCES A. Prior Knowledge B. Author's Viewpoint C. Text Structures D. Details E. Instructions F. Summaries/Critiques G. Information Evaluation/Synthesis	8.6	3 weeks/ ongoing

H. Conclusions/Inferences

VII.	COMPOSITION	8.7	5 weeks/ ongoing
	A. Writing Process		
	B. Narrative Writing		
	C. Expository Writing		
	D. Persuasive Writing		
	E. Informational Writing		
VIII.	EDITING SKILLS	8.8	3 weeks/ ongoing
	A. Grammar		
	B. Capitalization		
	C. Punctuation		
	D. Spelling		
	E. Sentence Structure		
	F. Paragraphing		
IX.	SUPPLEMENTAL STUDY (AFTER SOL TEST)	8.1-8.8	2 Weeks/ Will vary
	A. Comprehension		
	B. Informational Materials		
	C. Literature Study		
	D. Writing		
	E. Grammar		