

**Curriculum Map for Grade 8
2017-2018**

Key Concept	Related Concepts	Key Reading Texts	Writing Assignments	Writing or Grammatical Emphasis
Systems	Structure	Various fiction	Applied to all written expression	Vocabulary development
Identity	Character	<i>Red Kayak</i> (annotated text)	Letter to Self, Identity Essay	Complete Sentences
Time & Place	Setting	<i>A Christmas Carol</i> by Charles Dickens; “ <i>The Adventure of the Speckled Band</i> ” by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	Comparison & Contrast Essay	Verb Choice & Agreement, Transitions
Relationships	Theme	<i>The Miracle Worker</i> (play version)	Persuasive theme analysis	Voice
Communication	Audience, Purpose	Various nonfiction texts	Research Paper	Format, Scientific Tone, Word Choice
Perspective	Setting	<i>Night</i>	Primary Source Analysis	Sentence Variety
Creativity	Structure, Self-expression	Poetry (Free Verse, Narrative, Haiku, Sonnet)	Poems, Memory Book	Figurative Language, Word Choice