







Cornwall-Lebanon School District Curriculum Overview

English – 8th Grade

 length of time in weeks	Concepts & Competencies	Common Assessments	Academic Standards (PA Core if applicable)
Unit 1  6	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Short Stories</u></p> <p>Students will become more engaged readers, learning to better understand the process of characterization, plot development, and thematic elements. Dialogue, narrative techniques, and vivid imagery are also emphasized.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vocabulary quizzes on narrative terminology ➤ Vocabulary quizzes on character traits ➤ Unit Exam including text-dependent analysis 	CC.1.3.8.A CC.1.3.8.B CC.1.3.8.D CC.1.3.8.F CC.1.3.8.J CC.1.3.8.K
Unit 2  4	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Writing Structures</u></p> <p>Students will further develop their written language skills by improving paragraph structure, idea development, essay structure, and stylistic approaches.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Essay assessment included in Unit 1 ➤ Vocabulary quizzes on writing terminology ➤ Vocabulary quizzes on grammatical terms 	CC.1.4.8.A CC.1.4.8.D CC.1.4.8.E CC.1.4.8.F CC.1.4.8.J CC.1.4.8.L CC.1.4.8.Q
Unit 3  4	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Argumentative Writing</u></p> <p>Students will learn how to structure an argumentative essay through the development of a thesis statement and supporting arguments. They will read and research a particular topic, establish a viewpoint, including supporting facts and data, and employ counterclaims.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vocabulary quiz on argumentative terminology ➤ Final Draft of Argumentative Essay 	CC.1.4.8.C CC.1.4.8.F CC.1.4.8.G CC.1.4.8.H CC.1.4.8.I CC.1.4.8.J CC.1.4.8.K CC.1.4.8.L
Unit 4  5	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Poetry</u></p> <p>Students will read and write poetry, learning to better understand the use of metaphors and other figurative language. A variety of poetic forms will be read and analyzed with a focus on how structure affects meaning.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vocabulary quiz on poem terminology ➤ Unit Exam 	CC.1.3.8.A CC.1.3.8.B CC.1.3.8.D CC.1.3.8.F CC.1.3.8.I CC.1.2.7.F
Unit 5  6	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Novel</u></p> <p>Students will read and respond to novel, combining group discussion on major themes and literary techniques with</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vocabulary quizzes on words from text ➤ Unit Exam ➤ 	CC.1.3.8.A CC.1.3.8.B

	individual analysis of characters and plot development. Students will learn the historical context in which the novel is set.		CC.1.3.8.F CC.1.3.8.K CC.1.3.8.D CC.1.3.8.J
Unit 6	<div style="border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; width: 20px; height: 20px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin-bottom: 5px;">8</div> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>World War II / Anne Frank</u></p> <p>Students will research a specific topic from WWII and present findings to the class in order to establish background knowledge on the era. Then they will read “The Diary of Anne Frank” and relate her experiences to broader Holocaust events.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vocabulary quizzes on words from text ➤ Historical presentations ➤ Unit Exam 	CC.1.2.8.C CC.1.2.8.F CC.1.3.8.A CC.1.3.8.B CC.1.3.8.C CC1.4.8.V