

Language Arts Grade 8 is a two-semester course that offers alignment to the English Language Arts Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) 6-8. This interactive, feedback-rich course is designed to build students' communication and reading comprehension skills. Reading comprehension lessons strengthen students' critical analysis skills as they study how nonfiction and literature can be used to share ideas. Writing lessons combine free-response exercises with drafting strategies and exemplars to help students communicate clearly and credibly in narrative, argumentative, and informational styles. Students will develop skills specific to public discourse, speaking and listening lessons guide students as they evaluate one another's speeches and adjust to new audiences and situations. In language lessons, students build foundational grammar skills they need to articulate their ideas and understand challenging words.

**Semester B will release in June.*

Length: Two Semesters

Unit 1: Stories Based on Stories

Unit 2: Structure and Meaning

Unit 3: Expository Writing

Unit 4: Creative Writing

Unit 5: Semester Wrap-Up