

Central Montcalm Public School

ELA Grade 8 Standards
Language Arts Academic Standards for 8th Grade

- 8:1 TLW read selected classic and contemporary fiction from various genres to recognize quality and literary merit.
- 8:2 TLW read a variety of texts (poetry, short stories, plays, novels) comparing and contrasting the social and historical themes and literary conflicts.
- 8:3 TLW read informational texts to construct meaning using selected reading strategies.
- 8:4 TLW process write a fictional narrative piece including appropriate conventions to the genre (historical, realistic, and/or science fiction) and literary devices (narrator credibility, rising/falling action, conflict, transitional language, and imagery).
- 8:5 TLW process write a persuasive essay to include a thesis statement and a body supported with evidence based on multiple sources.
- 8:6 TLW process write a journal or memoir using description, sensory words, dialogue, and authentic voice using appropriate organization, illustrations, margin notes, or annotations.
- 8:7 TLW use primary and secondary sources to research and process write a biography for publication.
- 8:8 TLW correctly use content-related vocabulary words.
- 8:9 TLW use a variety of grammatical structures in their writing including infinitives, gerunds, participial phrases, and dashes or ellipses.
- 8:10 TLW plan and present an informative speech using interesting language, logical organization, persuasive non-verbal techniques, and rhetorical strategies to support the purpose and positively impact the audience.
- 8:11 TLW critically listen to an oral presentation and formulate a response.
- 8:12 TLW use multiple resources to research a global or community topic, issue, or problem, and use the research to support a position.