

COMPONENT	OBJECTIVES	COMPETENCY
I Literature/Reading	The following objectives support competencies A and B.  1. Refines and applies previously learned prereading knowledge and skills of the seventh grade with increasingly complex reading texts, assignments and tasks {R.1}  2. Extends previously learned knowledge and skills of the seventh grade with increasingly complex reading selections, assignments and tasks (e.g., using context and word structure, making inferences and generalizations, using graphic organizers and note-taking, comparing and contrasting) {R.2}  3. Extends the vocabulary development expectations of the seventh grade using eighth grade or higher vocabulary {R.3}  4. Reads independently or as part of class study five or more books per nine-week period at an appropriate reading level from a variety of genres and cultural perspectives to gain an understanding and appreciation of self and others (LA.A.2.3.4) (LA.E.2.3.5) (LA.E.2.3.7) (LA.E.2.3.8) {R.17} {L.2} {L.3}  5. Analyzes how literature is influenced by and reflects culture, including an appreciation of a variety of cultural vocabularies and dialects (LA.D.1.3.2) (LA.E.2.3.4) {Lit.2} {Lit.7} {L.3}  6. Extends the vocabulary development expectations of the seventh grade using eighth grade or higher vocabulary {R.3}  7. Analyzes how literature is influenced by and reflects culture, including an appreciation of a variety of cultural vocabularies and dialects (LA.D.1.3.2) (LA.E.2.3.4) {Lit.2} {Lit.7} {L.3}  8. Compares and contrasts literature from different time periods and cultures to understand concepts and themes {L.3}	<ul> <li>A. After studying myth and drama, the student will choose two selections with a similar theme, and write a response of at least four paragraphs. The essay will a.compare and/or contrast the authors' use of literary elements (character, plot, setting, point of view, and/or tone) and elements of the author's craft such as figurative language, foreshadowing, flashback, symbolism, and irony</li> <li>b. give examples from the text to support the way each element identified above contributes to shaping the theme in each work. <ul> <li>(LA.A.2.3.2) (LA.B.1.3.2) (LA.E.1.3.2) (LA.E.1.3.3)</li> <li>(LA.E.1.3.5) (LA.E.2.3.1) (LA.E.2.3.5)</li> </ul> </li> <li>B. After independently reading a non-fiction passage at or above the eighth grade reading level from a newspaper, magazine, or text, the student will demonstrate reading comprehension by: <ul> <li>a. selecting an appropriate graphic organizer such as a cause/effect diagram, a graph, a chart, a table, a map, a flowchart or timeline, a Venn Diagram, or a main idea table</li> <li>b. completing the graphic with information from the reading passage</li> <li>c. including a written explanation of that graphic choice</li> <li>d. citing specific evidence from the text to support the explanation (LA.A.2.3.1) (LA.A.2.3.7) (LA.B.1.3.2) (LA.B.2.3.1) (LA.B.2.3.2) (LA.D.2.3.5)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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	16. Interprets functional reading material, such as newspapers, periodicals, manuals, instructions, schedules, common forms, maps, graphs, charts, tables (LA.D.2.3.6) {R.13}	
	17. Reads and shares teacher suggested and self-selected books, for a sustained period on a regular basis each day (LA.A.2.3.4) (LA.E.2.3.7) {R.11} {Lit.29} {Lit.30} {Lit.31}	
	18. Analyzes and interprets with literary forms, such as poetry, short stories, fables, folk tales, myths, novels, autobiographies, and drama, with emphasis on myths and drama (LA.E.1.3.4) {Lit.26} {Lit.27}	
	19. Compares and contrasts elements within or across texts and supports a particular literary approach or interpretation of a text with information from other texts {R.15} {Lit.28}	
	20. Analyzes and interprets elements of author's craft such as figurative language, foreshadowing, flashback, symbolism, and irony LA.E.1.3.3) (LA.E.1.3.4) {Lit.8} {Lit.10} {Lit.11}	
	21. Understands the ways line length, punctuation, and rhythm contribute to the overall effect of a poem {Lit.16}	
	22. Analyzes story elements such as characterization, plot (exposition, conflict/problem, chain of events, climax, resolution), setting, theme, point of view, and tone (LA.A.2.3.2) (LA.A.2.3.3) (LA.E.1.3.2) (LA.E.1.3.3) (LA.E.1.3.5) (LA.E.2.3.1) {Lit.3} {Lit.4} {Lit.5} {Lit.6} {Lit.12} {Lit.19} {Lit.20} {Lit.21} {Lit.22}	
	23. Responds to and interprets what has been read in a variety of ways, such as class and small group discussion, writing, art, music, drama, graphics, and multimedia presentations (LA.B.2.3.1) (LA.C.1.3.4) (LA.C.3.3.2) (LA.C.3.3.3) (LA.D.2.3.4) (LA.D.2.3.5) (LA.E.2.3.2) (LA.E.2.3.3) {Lit.25} {Lit.32}	



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	24. Associates themes in various types of literature to prior knowledge and life experiences, and explores universal themes (LA.E.1.3.1) (LA.E.1.3.5) (LA.E.2.3.2) (LA.E.2.3.5) (LA.E.2.3.6) (LA.E.2.3.8) {Lit.1} {Lit.18} {Lit.23} {Lit.24}	
	25. Explains how the author's life experiences have influenced his/her writing.	
	26. Refines previously learned knowledge and skills of the seventh grade with increasingly complex reading texts, assignments and tasks (e.g., monitoring own reading and study of literature as part of the comprehension process, using such strategies as self-questioning, rereading, summarizing, analysis of organization and presentation of ideas, responding in writing, and using text features (e.g., boldface, margin notes) (LA.B.2.3.1) (LA.E.2.3.6) {R.4} {R.5}	
	27. Relates literature to concepts, themes, and events in interdisciplinary instruction within the middle school team setting (LA.E.1.3.5) (LA.E.2.3.5) {R.13}	



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II Composition	<ol> <li>Engages in both self-initiated and teacher directed writing for a variety of purposes         (LA.B.1.3.1) (LA.B.1.3.2) (LA.B.2.3.1) (LA.B.2.3.3)</li> <li>Uses aspects of the writing process, with conferencing as appropriate - prewriting (for example, clustering, brainstorming, listing, reading) - drafting         - revising (reading and reflecting by author, as well as by conferencing with peer or teacher to add, substitute, delete, and/or move words or phrases to clarify author's meaning for reader)         - editing (applying the conventions of standard English by author, peer/author, peers, teacher author, or teacher)         - publishing         (LA.B.1.3.1) (LA.B.1.3.2) (LA.B.1.3.3) (LA.B.2.3.2) (LA.D.1.3.1) (LA.D.1.3.3) (W.1) (W.2) (W.9) (W.10)</li> <li>Drafts and revises pieces of student generated writing which:         - identify audience and purpose         - have controlling idea (e.g., topic sentence and/or thesis statement) sufficiently developed with supporting details and transitions         - select an appropriate plan of organization (such as cause and effect, comparison-contrast, order of importance)         - contain and convey a sense of closure         - exhibit word choices that are correct and appropriate to audience, purpose, and subject, such as point of view, attitude, and tone         - include the appropriate use of figurative language, dialogue, and flashback         - use a variety of sentence lengths and patterns         (LA.B.1.3.2) (LA.B.1.3.3) (LA.D.1.3.1) (W.3) (W.4) (W.5) (W.6) (W.7) (W.8) (W.15) (W.19)</li> <li>Edits pieces of self and peer-generated writing which follow the conventions of Standard English         - correct mechanics         - correct mechanics         - correct mechanics         - correct usage         - final draft for publication when appropriate         (LA.B.1.3.2) (LA.B.1.3.3) (LA.D.1.3.1) (LA.D.1.3.3) (W.9) (W.12) (W.13) (W.14)</li> </ol>	A. After maintaining a portfolio of writing, the student will prepare a "presentation portfolio" that will include, but will not be limited to:  a. products that reflect the writing process b. six or more pieces of polished writing in a variety of modes including narrative/expressive, expository, and persuasive written pieces  c. at least two organization patterns such as cause/effect, comparison/contrast, order of importance d. a written explanation for each choice e. a written introduction to the portfolio in which the student evaluates what this body of work reflects about his/her strengths and weaknesses as a writer, including a goal for improvement and a plan to reach that goal (LA.B.1.3.1) (LA.B.1.3.2) (LA.B.1.3.3) (LA.B.2.3.2) (LA.B.2.3.3)



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	<ol> <li>Writes in a variety of modes such as expository, persuasive, (including editorials), narrative/expressive (including journals, poetry, short stories, drama) (LA.B.2.3.3) (LA.D.2.3.3) (LA.E.1.3.4) (W.17) (W.19)</li> <li>Produces three to five paragraph pieces of literary analysis, such as analyzing character, analyzing plot, and analyzing setting (LA.B.2.3.3) (LA.E.2.3.1) (Lit.2) (Lit.3) (Lit.4)</li> <li>Produces a piece of writing in response to an essay question, prompt, or topic (LA.B.2.3.3) (W.9)</li> <li>Logically sequences information using alphabetical, chronological, and numerical systems (W.8)</li> <li>Produces a four or five paragraph piece of writing synthesizing ideas drawn from several sources, giving proper credit to those sources (LA.B.2.3.3) (R.12)</li> <li>Uses a variety of technology, as appropriate, in the writing process (LA.B.2.3.4) (W.16) (W.20)</li> <li>Maintains a portfolio of writing (selected by author, teacher/author or teacher), containing pieces in progress and finished products, and evaluates them to reflect growth in writing</li> </ol>	B. In response to a narrative, expository, or persuasive prompt, the student will produce a piece of writing of three to four paragraphs which includes:  - topic sentences - supporting details - effective transitions - a conclusion  The essay should reflect a.a focus on the topic b.an appropriate plan of organization, including a thesis statement if appropriate c. supporting ideas that are developed and elaborated through the use of details, examples, and vivid language d. word choice appropriate to audience, purpose, and subject e.appropriate figurative language f. sentence variety and the conventions of standard written English (LA.B.1.3.2) (LA.B.1.3.3) (LA.B.2.3.3) (LA.D.1.3.1) (LA.D.1.3.3) {W.2} {W.3} {W.4} {W.5} {W.7} {W.8} {W.11} {W.12} {W.13} {W.14} {W.15} {W.19}



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III Language/Word Study	The following objectives support competencies A and B.  1. Identifies and uses the patterns and rules of the English language (e.g., grammar, usage and word pronunciation)  {L.1}	A. Given a reproduction of a piece of fine art, the student will describe the artwork in language suitable to the subject, the attitude, and the tone of the original piece, using precise word choices and figurative
	Knows when to use formal and informal English based on audience and purpose     {L.4}	language. (LA.B.1.3.2) (LA.B.2.3.1) (LA.B.2.3.3)
	2. Extends the vocabulary development expectations of the seventh grade using eighth grade or higher vocabulary in reading, writing, and speaking (LA.A.1.3.3) (LA.C.3.3.3) {R.3}	
	4. Acquires and strengthens a personal, active vocabulary in speaking and writing in interdisciplinary/integrated contexts {L.9}	
	5. Examines context of sentence, paragraph, or passage to understand unfamiliar words and to determine appropriate meanings for a word with multiple meanings (LA.A.1.3.2) {L.6}	
	6. Analyzes and generates analogies	
	7. Uses structural analysis to construct meaning, such as prefixes, suffixes, root words, possessives, plurals, verb tenses, and etymologies to explain the origin and historical development and usage patterns (LA.A.1.3.2) (LA.D.1.3.1) {L.6}	
	8. Uses and understands synonyms, antonyms, and homonyms	
	9. Differentiates between the connotation and denotation of a word (LA.A.1.3.3) (LA.D.1.3.4) {L.9}	
	10. Understands the meaning of vocabulary words used on common application forms, such as driver's license, social security, and job application	



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IV Listening/Speaking/Viewing	<ol> <li>Appreciates the variety of cultural vocabularies and dialects and the ways culture and time period influence a literary work (LA.D.1.3.2) (LA.D.1.3.3) (LA.D.1.3.4) {L.2}</li> <li>Analyzes sexism and physical and cultural bias in oral and written language (LA.A.2.3.3) (LA.C.1.3.3) (LA.C.2.3.1) (LA.D.2.3.3) (LA.D.2.3.6) {L.12}</li> <li>Examines and generates figurative language such as metaphors and similes {L.11}</li> <li>Follows verbal directions {LVS.1}</li> <li>Recognizes and appreciates cultural similarities and differences among people as expressed in their communication behaviors (LA.C.1.3.3) (LA.D.1.3.2) {L.7} {L.9} {L.10}</li> <li>Explores speaker's purpose and/or bias in print or non-print message (LA.A.2.3.2) (LA.A.2.3.3) (LA.D.2.3.3) {LVS.12}</li> <li>Formulates questions that clarify meaning and participates in class discussions that include higher-level thinking, such as analysis, synthesis, and evaluation and alternates between the roles of contributor and leader in a group discussion (LA.C.1.3.4) (LA.C.3.3.2) (LA.C.3.3.3) {LVS.2} {LVS.19}</li> <li>Asks appropriate, challenging questions for elaboration or clarification during activities such as interviews and discussions {LVS.8}</li> <li>Understands and uses inflection, tone of voice, and body language that affect meaning and uses vocabulary that is appropriate to the purpose and the audience (LA.C.2.3.2) {LVS.6}</li> </ol>	A. The student, individually or as part of a group, will develop and deliver an oral speech or presentation three to four minutes long which:  a. is persuasive, such as a debate, editorial, commercial, political speech, etc.  b. uses language and delivery techniques suitable to audience and purpose  c. is evaluated using class-developed criteria (LA.C.2.3.1) (LA.C.2.3.2) (LA.C.3.3.1)  (LA.C.3.3.3)



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	7. Expands and enhances personal interests through listening and paraphrasing, and using the information gained for a variety of purposes {LVS.3} {LVS.4} {LVS.10}	
	8. Organizes and effectively delivers a speech using a clear beginning, middle and end {LVS.17}	
	9. Prepares and gives oral presentations, using appropriate delivery techniques (direct eye contact, use of audio-visual aids, physical movement, gestures, voice control, etc.) designed to entertain, inform, or persuade, with emphasis on persuasion (LA.C.2.3.2) (LA.C.3.3.1) (LA.C.3.3.3) {LVS.14} {LVS.15} {LVS.16}	
	10. Develops a rating sheet to evaluate oral presentations by self and peers including conveying of meaning, engagement of audience, body language (eye contact, gestures, posture), articulation, pronunciation, voice modulation, timing, and standard conventions of English (LA.C.1.3.3) (LA.C.2.3.1) (LA.C.2.3.2) (LA.C.3.3.1) {LVS.14} {LVS.15} {LVS.16}	
	11. Demonstrates appropriate listening and/or viewing skills in a variety of settings, such as viewing film, television, drama, music, dance (LA.C.1.3.1) (LA.C.1.3.2) (LA.C.2.3.1) {LVS.5} {LVS.7}	
	12. Summarizes the main concept and lists supporting details in a nonprint message {LVS.11}	
	13. Understands ways mass media may enhance or manipulate information {LVS.17}	
	14. Identifies biases and stereotypes and responds to persuasive techniques and nonverbal cues in a nonprint message {LVS.12} {LVS.13}	



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	15. Gains an understanding and appreciation of self and others through listening to, discussing, and viewing multicultural materials such as read-alouds, videos, audios, films (LA.C.1.3.1) (LA.C.1.3.2) (LA.C.1.3.4) (LA.C.3.3.2) (LA.D.1.3.2) (LA.D.12.3.4) (LA.E.2.3.4)	
V Information Literacy/Study and Test-Taking Skills	<ol> <li>The following objectives support competencies A and B.</li> <li>Selects the most efficient, credible resources/reference sources electronic technology, print, visuals - to access, analyze, and synthesize information on a given topic, such as dictionary, thesaurus, encyclopedia, atlas, newspaper, magazine, literary work, human resource, phone book, table of contents, schedules, periodicals, almanac, index, and/or card catalogue (LA.A.2.3.5) (LA.A.2.3.6) (LA.B.2.3.1) (LA.B.2.3.4) {R.13} {L.14}</li> <li>Interprets and/or constructs questionnaires and graphics, such as charts, tables, diagrams, graphs, maps, labels, and signs (LA.A.2.3.1) (LA.A.2.3.5) (LA.A.2.3.7) (LA.B.2.3.2) (LA.B.2.3.2) {R.12}</li> <li>Paraphrases, summarizes, and synthesizes information from different sources (LA.A.1.3.4) (LA.A.2.3.5) (LA.A.2.3.7) (LA.B.2.3.1) {R.14}</li> <li>Gathers, classifies, records and summarizes data from acknowledged sources of reference for the production of an investigative paper or a formal presentation (LA.A.2.3.5) (LA.A.2.3.6) (LA.A.2.3.7) {R.13} { R.14} {L.5}</li> <li>Produces a bibliography to acknowledge reference sources, and understands the nature and ramifications of plagiarism in written and mass media (LA.D.2.3.7) {R.16}</li> <li>Understands ways laws govern use of mass media (e.g., plagiarism, copyright, libel, slander) {L.18}</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>A. Given a particular subject to investigate, the student will use at least four appropriate resource/reference materials, develop an organizational framework, and generate a written product which draws from and gives credit to sources (LA.A.1.3.4) (LA.A.2.3.1) (LA.A.2.3.5) (LA.A.2.3.6) (LA.B.2.3.1) (LA.B.2.3.2)</li> <li>B. The student will demonstrate appropriate study and test-taking skills practiced throughout the year on a variety of teachermade tests and state and district-required tests such as the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test in Reading and the Florida Comprehensive Test in Writing (Florida Writes!) (LA.B.2.3.3)</li> </ul>



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COMPONENT	<ol> <li>OBJECTIVES</li> <li>Selects appropriate technology for a variety of tasks, such as research, learning, and composing (LA.A.2.3.6) (LA.B.2.3.1) (LA.B.2.3.4) (LA.D.2.3.4) (L.14) {L.15} {L.16}</li> <li>Investigates personal interests that could lead to career choices</li> <li>Uses parts of a book, such as the title page, copyright page, table of contents, chapter divisions, glossary index, margin notes, and appendices (LA.A.2.3.6) {R.4}</li> <li>Applies study skills techniques, such as previewing, reviewing, predicting content, skimming and scanning, reading for detail, graphic organizers, note-taking, outlining, peer questioning, and student generated questions (LA.A.1.3.4) (LA.A.2.3.1) (LA.B.2.3.1) (LA.B.2.3.2) {R.1} {R.4} {R.8} {R.14}</li> <li>Applies home study strategies such as setting up a time management plan and recognizing an effective study environment</li> <li>Applies a variety of effective test-taking strategies, such as practicing for a formal assessment situation using an answer sheet, participating in timed reading and in timed writing activities, and presenting and organizing data to write accurate and complete answers to prompts and essay questions (LA.B.1.3.1) (LA.B.1.3.2) (LA.B.2.3.3)</li> </ol>	COMPETENCY