Grade 7 Language Arts

Big Ideas

*Language and text can be a source of creativity and joy.
*Exploring text and story helps us understand ourselves and make connections to others and to the world.
*Exploring and sharing multiple perspectives extends our thinking.
*Developing our understanding of how language works allows us to use it purposefully.
*Texts are created for different purposes and audiences.
*Synthesizing the meaning from different texts and ideas helps us create new understandings.

Curricular Competencies

Comprehend & Connect

Content		Access information and ideas for diverse purposes and from a variety of sources and evaluate their relevance, accuracy, and reliability.	Apply appropriate strategies to comprehend written, oral, and visualtexts, guide inquiry, and extend thinking	Recognize and appreciate how different forms, structures, and features of texts reflect different purposes, audiences, and messages	Think critically, creatively, and reflectively to explore ideas within, between, and beyond texts	Recognize and identify the role of personal, social, and cultural contexts, values, and perspectives in texts	Recognize how language constructs personal, social, and cultural identity	Construct meaningful personal connections between self, text, and world	Respond to text in personal, creative, and critical ways	Understand how literary elements, techniques, and devices enhance and shape meaning	Recognize an increasing range of text structures and how they contribute to meaning	Recognize and appreciate the role of story, narrative, and oral tradition in expressing First Peoples' perspectives, values, beliefs, and points of view	Recognize the validity of First Peoples' oral tradition for a range of purposes	Exchange ideas and viewpoints to build shared understanding and extend thinking
Story/Text	form, function, and genre of texts													
	features of written text													
	literary elements													
	literary devices													
	Elements of non-fiction texts													
	Techniques of persuasion													
Strategies and Processes:	Reading Strategies													
	Oral Language Strategies													
	Metacognitive Strategies													
	Writing Processes													
Language Features, Structures, and Conventions:	Features of oral language													
	Effective paragraphing													
	Language varieties													
	Sentence structure and grammar													
	Conventions													

Create & Communicate

Use writing and design processes to plan, develop, and create engaging and meaningful literary and informational texts for a variety of purposes and audiences	Assess and refine texts to improve their clarity, effectiveness, and impact according to purpose, audience, and message	Use an increasing repertoire of conventions of English spelling, grammar, and punctuation