



Eighth Grade Curriculum Map

	August/September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May
Literature & Grammar	Short Stories: Chekov, Tolstoy, Dostoyevsky	Short Stories: Hawthorne, Crane	Shakespeare: <i>Much Ado About Nothing</i>	Shakespeare: <i>Much Ado About Nothing</i>	Crane, <i>Red Badge of Courage</i>	Golding, <i>Lord of the Flies</i>	Golding, <i>Lord of the Flies</i> ; Harper Lee, <i>To Kill A Mockingbird</i>	Harper Lee, <i>To Kill A Mockingbird</i>	Harper Lee, <i>To Kill A Mockingbird</i>
Poetry (samples)	“Rime of the Ancient Mariner”; Poetry of Coleridge, Keats	“Lady of Shalott”; Poetry of Tennyson	Sonnets: William Shakespeare	Sonnets: William Shakespeare	William B. Yeats	John Donne, Jonathan Swift, Emily Dickinson	Walt Whitman, T.S. Eliot, Ezra Pound	Rudyard Kipling, Gerard Manly Hopkins	Robert Frost
Sayings	au revoir, merci	deja vu, fait accompli, c’est la vie	faux pas, savoir-faire	enfant terrible, bête noire	avant-garde	raison d’être	carte blanche	cause celebre	tete-a-tete
Languages	Latin	Latin	Latin	Latin	Latin	Latin	Latin	Latin	Latin
History & Geography	Civics: The U.S. Constitution	Civics: The U.S. Constitution; Breakup of the British Empire	Breakup of the British Empire; end of Apartheid in South Africa	Creation of the People’s Republic of China; Cold War: origins and Korean War	America in the Cold War; Civil Rights Movement; Vietnam War	Rise of Social and Environmental Activism	Geography of the Middle East; the Middle East and Oil Politics	End of the Cold War: Détente, Breakup of the USSR; European unity and challenges	Geography of Canada; Geography of Mexico
Math	Review of bar modeling; review of elements of number; equations	Algebraic expressions, equalities, and formulas	Positive and negative numbers, simple fractions	Equations involving fractions; pairs of linear equations	Related changes; fundamental operations with polynomials	Factoring	Quadratic equations; advanced fractions and fractional equations	Irrational Nmbers	General Quadratic Equation
Science	Preliminaries: prefixes, significant figures, scientific method, etc.	Motion: Velocity and Speed	Forces	Density and Buoyancy	Work; Energy	Power; Electricity	Magnetism and Electricity	Electromagnetic Radiation and Light	Sound waves
Science Biographies		Kepler	Heron of Alexandria	Archimedes	Einstein	Franklin; Tesla	Steinmetz	Maxwell	
Art	The Practice of Drawing: Observation and Contour Line	Figure Drawing, Watercolor and Ink	Painting since World War I: Abstract Expressionism; Pollack and Painting	Roy Lichtenstein/ Pop Art : Composition, Line and Color	Abstraction and Visual Language; Romare Beardon, Jacob Lawrence	Photography	20th Century Sculpture and 3-Dimensional Design	Architecture since the Industrial Revolution	American Art: Expressive Drawings
Music	Music theory review: instrument families, vocal ranges, musical terms, notation, etc.	Music Theory: Intervals & Keyboard Skill	Music Theory: Scales & Key Signatures; non-western music	Music Theory: Harmony, Form, & Composition	Classical Music: nationalist and Moderns; Sibelius, Copland, Debussy, Stravinsky	Impressionism, Serialism, & Minimalism	Aleatoric Music & Defining “Music vs. Noise”	Vocal Music: Opera	Vocal Music: American Musical Theater