

California Standards for Language Arts, Grade Eight

El Monte City School District Essential ELA Standards

Reading 1.1 Analyze idioms, analogies, metaphors, and similes to infer the literal and figurative meanings of phrases.

Reading 1.3 Use word meanings within the appropriate context and show ability to verify those meanings by definition, restatement, example, comparison, or contrast.

Reading 2.2 Analyze text that uses proposition and support patterns.

Reading 2.5 Understand and explain the use of a complex mechanical device by following technical directions.

Reading 2.6 Use information from a variety of consumer, workplace, and public documents to explain a situation or decision and to solve a problem.

Reading 2.7 Evaluate the unity, coherence, logic, internal consistency, and structural patterns of text.

Reading 3.2 Evaluate the structural elements of the plot (e.g., subplots, parallel episodes, climax), the plot's development, and the way in which conflicts are (or are not) addressed and resolved.

Reading 3.3 Compare and contrast motivations and reactions of literary characters from different historical eras confronting similar situations or conflicts.

Reading 3.6 Identify significant literary devices (e.g., metaphor, symbolism, dialect, irony) that define a writer's style and use those elements to interpret the work.

Writing

Strategies 1.1 Create compositions that establish a controlling impression, have a coherent thesis, and end with a clear and well-supported conclusion.

Writing

Strategies 1.2 Establish coherence within and among paragraphs through effective transitions, parallel structures, and similar writing techniques.

Writing

Strategies 1.6 Revise writing for word choice; appropriate organization; consistent point of view; and transitions between paragraphs, passages, and ideas.

Writing

Applications 2.1 Write biographies, autobiographies, short stories, or narratives.

Writing

Applications 2.2 Write responses to literature.

Writing

Applications 2.4 Write persuasive compositions.

Writing

Applications 2.5 Write documents related to career development, including simple business letters and job applications.

Language

Conventions 1.1 Use correct and varied sentence types and sentence openings to present a lively and effective personal style.

Language

Conventions 1.3 Use subordination, coordination, apposition, and other devices to indicate clearly the relationship between ideas.

Language

Conventions 1.4 Edit written manuscripts to ensure that correct grammar is used.

Language

Conventions 1.6 Use correct spelling conventions.