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Illinois State Standards Eighth Grade Language Arts	Vocabulary Development	Punctuation Rules	Reading Comprehension Series - Geography	Spelling Rules	Typing Workshop
Reading with understanding and fluency	✓		✓		
Apply word analysis & vocabulary skills to comprehend selections	✓		✓		
<i>apply knowledge to word origins & derivations to comprehend</i>	✓		✓		
<i>words used in specific content areas scientific, political, literary, mathematical</i>					
<i>analyze the meaning of words & phrases in their context</i>	✓		✓		
Apply reading strategies to improve understanding & fluency			✓		
<i>preview reading materials, make predictions & relate reading</i>			✓		
<i>to information from other sources</i>					
<i>identify text structure & create a visual representation - graphic</i>			✓		
<i>organizer, outline, drawing - to use while reading</i>					
<i>continuously check & clarify for understanding</i>			✓		
<i>read age-appropriate material with fluency & accuracy</i>			✓		

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Comprehend a broad range of reading material			✓		
<i>use information to form, explain & support questions & predictions</i>					
<i>interpret & analyze entire narrative text using story elements, point of view & theme</i>					
<i>compare, contrast & evaluate ideas & information from various sources & genres</i>			✓		
<i>summarize & make generalizations from content & relate</i>			✓		
<i>them to the purpose of the material</i>					
<i>compare how authors & illustrators use text & art across</i>					
<i>materials to express their ideas - foreshadowing, flashback</i>					
<i>interpret tables that display textual information data in visual formats</i>			✓		
Reading & understand literature representative of various societies,					
eras & ideas					
Understand how literary elements & techniques are used to convey meaning					
<i>identify & analyze a variety of literary techniques (figurative language, allusion, dialogue,</i>					
<i>description, word choice, dialect) within classical & contemporary works representing</i>					
<i>a variety of genres</i>					

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<i>describe how the development of theme, character, plot & setting contribute to the</i>					
<i>overall impact of a piece of literature</i>					
<i>identify characteristics & authors of various literary forms (short</i>					
<i>stories, novels, drama, fables, biographies, science fiction</i>					
<i>identify ways that an author uses language structure, word</i>					
<i>choice & style to convey the author's viewpoint.</i>					
Reading & interpret a variety of literary works					
<i>respond to literary material from personal, creative & critical points of view</i>					
<i>compare & contrast common literary themes across various societies & eras</i>					
<i>analyze how characters in literature deal with conflict, solve</i>					
<i>problems and relate to real-life situations</i>					
Write to communicate for a variety of purposes		✓	✓	✓	✓
Use correct grammar, spelling, punctuation & capitalization & structure		✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>write compositions that contain complete sentences &</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>effective paragraphs using English conventions</i>					

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Compose well-organized & coherent writing for specific purposes & audiences			✓		
<i>produce documents that convey a clear understanding & interpretation of ideas &</i>			✓		
<i>information & display focus, organization, elaboration & coherence</i>					
<i>edit & revise for word choice, organization, consistent point of view & transitions among</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>paragraphs using contemporary technology & formats suitable for submission</i>					
<i>&/or publication</i>					
Communicate ideas in writing to accomplish a variety of purposes & audiences			✓	✓	
<i>compose narrative, informative, & persuasive writings - literature reviews,</i>				✓	
<i>instructions, news articles, correspondence- for a specified audience</i>					
<i>using available technology produce compositions & multi-media</i>			✓	✓	
<i>works for specified audience</i>					

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Listen & speak effectively in a variety of situations			✓		
Listen effectively in formal & informal situations					
<i>demonstrate ways that listening attentively can improve comprehension</i>					
<i>compare a speaker's verbal & nonverbal messages</i>					
<i>restate & carry out multistep oral instructions</i>					
<i>demonstrate the ability to identify & manage barriers to listening</i>					
Speak effectively using language appropriate to the situation & audience			✓		
<i>deliver planned oral presentations, using language & vocabulary appropriate to the</i>			✓		
<i>purpose, message and audience; provide details & supporting information that</i>					
<i>clarify main ideas; & use visual aids & contemporary technology as support</i>					
<i>design & produce reports & multi-media compositions that</i>			✓		
<i>represent group projects</i>					
<i>develop strategies to manage or overcome communication anxiety & apprehension</i>					
<i>use verbal & nonverbal communication strategies to</i>					
<i>maintain communications & to resolve conflict</i>					

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Use the language arts to acquire, assess & communicate information			✓		
Locate, organize, and use information from various sources to answer			✓		
questions, solve problems & communicate ideas					
<i>identify appropriate resources to solve problems or answer questions through research</i>			✓		
<i>design a project related to contemporary issues using multiple sources</i>			✓		
Analyze & evaluate information acquired from various			✓		
sources to answer questions, solve problems &					
<i>choose & analyze information sources for individual, academic & functional purposes</i>			✓		
<i>identify, evaluate & cite primary sources</i>			✓		
Apply acquired information, concepts & ideas to			✓	✓	
communicate in variety of formats					
<i>plan, compose, edit & revise documents that synthesize new</i>			✓	✓	
<i>meaning gleaned from multiple sources</i>					

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<i>prepare & orally present original work (poems, monologues</i>			✓		
<i>reports, plays) supported by research</i>					
<i>take notes conduct interviews, organize & report information</i>			✓		
<i>in oral, visual & electronic formats</i>					