

Cartersville Middle School Grade ELA Curriculum Map

	1 st Nine Weeks	2 nd Nine Weeks	3 rd Nine Weeks	4 th Nine Weeks
Reading Focus	Extended Literary Text: Cite evidence of what a text says explicitly and make inferences: analyze literary elements	Cite evidence of what a text says explicitly and make inferences	Historical fiction –how does an author weave in facts with actual events Informational and literary non-fiction text –the influence of events on individuals and individuals on events; analyze structure and development	Structure of a text –Hero’s Journey Cite evidence of what a text says explicitly and make inferences
Writing Focus	Explanatory writing Constructed responses How to engage effectively in collaborative group discussions Group presentation	Explanatory writing Constructed responses Continue to engage effectively in collaborative group discussions	Argumentative writing Narrative writing Constructed responses Continue to engage effectively in collaborative group discussions	Short research project about a hero/character from mythology
Language Focus	ELA terminology (plot, theme, setting, etc.) Parts of speech Terminology associated with writing (thesis, claim, evidence etc.)	ELA terminology (plot, theme, flashback, figurative language, etc.) Parts of speech Terminology associated with writing (thesis, claim, evidence etc.)	Terminology associated with writing (thesis, claim, counterclaim, etc.) Parts of speech Sentence types	Figurative language Greek/Latin roots
Central Texts (extended and Short)	<i>The Giver</i> by Lois Lowry <i>The Hunger Games</i> (honors) by Suzanne Collins Assorted dystopian-based short stories and poems <i>The Shakers: Ken Burns Documentary</i>	<i>The Giver</i> by Lois Lowry <i>The Hunger Games</i> (honors) by Suzanne Collins Assorted dystopian-based short stories and poems <i>The Truman Show</i> (film)	<i>10 Days: Martin Luther King Jr.</i> by David Colbert Various informational articles about Dr. King and Malcolm X <i>The Watsons Go to Birmingham</i> by Christopher Paul Curtis <i>4 Little Girls</i> excerpt- (documentary film)	<i>The Lightning Thief</i> by Rick Riordan <i>Watership Down</i> by Richard Adams <i>Aru Shah and the End of Time</i> Roshani Chokshi <i>Serafina and the Black Cloak</i> Robert Beatty Myths from various cultures
Writing Tasks And Assessments	Constructed response – characterization	Constructed response –group response to analyze a quote	Argumentative essay –who is the more effective leader of the Civil Rights Movement	Narrative –Hero’s Journey Constructed responses – inferencing

