

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Writing** Objectives (students will be able to):

- Organize and maintain a spelling/composition notebook.
- Use critical thinking skills to organize ideas before writing.
- Differentiate between compound, complex, and incomplete sentences.
- Create an outline of a topic before writing.
- Compose a thesis sentence.
- Demonstrate techniques for writing an introductory paragraph.
- Demonstrate techniques for writing a concluding paragraph.
- Delineate transition words and use properly in writing essays with multiple paragraphs.
- Produce a properly composed and formatted informative essay.
- Produce a properly composed and formatted narrative essay.
- Produce a properly composed and formatted compare & contrast essay.
- Produce a properly composed and formatted persuasive essay.
- Exhibit strategies for writing a complete literature critique (using early American literature).
- Compose an example of creative writing – story.
- Compose an example of creative writing – poetry.