

Eighth Grade Literature

A continuation of concepts learned in seventh grade literature

1. Grade level appropriate vocabulary. Learn not only the definition of a word but also how to use the word correctly.
2. In literature know the difference between fiction and nonfiction and be able to give examples of each. Explore different genres.

Short Story

- Be able to identify the following elements of a short story:
 - Plot
 - Character
 - Setting
 - Theme
 - Climax
 - Denouement
- Point of view—Be able to identify the point of view from which the story is told.
- Conflict—Identify conflict and be able to recognize the different types of conflict.

Poetry

- Recognize the difference between lyric and narrative poetry.
- Identify ballads, limericks, sonnets
- Be able to identify and give examples of meter, rhyme scheme, assonance, alliteration, simile, metaphor, personification, onomatopoeia, and hyperbole.

Nonfiction

- Identify the author's purpose
- Identify the main idea
- Distinguish between fact and opinion

Drama

- Recognize the major types of drama
- Recognize the elements of drama

Read at least three novels independently and be able to discuss them.