

Grade 7 Curriculum Connections

English Language Arts		
General Outcome	Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to explore thoughts, ideas, feelings and experiences.	
1.1 Discover and explore		
Specific Outcome	Express ideas and develop understanding	
	extend understanding of ideas and information by finding and exploring oral, print and other media texts on related topics and themes.	6
	express personal understandings of ideas and information based on prior knowledge, experiences with others and a variety of oral, print and other media texts.	3, 6
	reflect on own observations and experiences to understand and develop oral, print and	2, 5
Specific Outcome	Experiment with language and forms	
	discuss and respond to ways that content and forms of oral, print and other media texts interact to influence understanding.	3, 6
1.2 Clarify and Extend		
Specific Outcome	Consider the ideas of others	
	listen and respond constructively to alternative ideas or opinions.	4, 6, 9
Specific Outcome	Combine ideas	
	use talk, writing and representing to examine, clarify and assess understanding of ideas, information and experiences.	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
Specific Outcome	Extend understanding	
	talk with others to elaborate ideas, and ask specific questions to seek helpful feedback.	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
General Outcome	Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to comprehend and respond personally and critically to oral, print and other media texts.	
2.1 Use Strategies and Clues		
Specific Outcome	Use prior knowledge	
	select and focus relevant ideas from personal experiences and prior knowledge to	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
Specific Outcome	Use comprehension strategies	
	identify, connect, and summarize in own words, the main ideas from two or more sources on the same topic.	3, 6
Specific Outcome	Use textual cues	
	identify and use visual and textual cues, such as numbers, bullets and words; for example, first/then/next, before/after, on the one hand/on the other hand and if/then, that signal organizational patterns in print and other media texts, to enhance understanding of ideas and information.	3, 6
General Outcome	Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to comprehend and respond personally and critically to oral, print and other media texts.	
2.2 Respond to Texts		
Specific Outcome	Experience various texts	
	experience oral, print and other media texts from a variety of cultural traditions and genres, such as journals, nature programs, short stories, poetry, letters, CDROM programs, mysteries, historical fiction, drawings and prints.	1
	organize interpretations of oral, print and other media texts around two or three key ideas.	6
	predict and discuss the consequences of events or characters' actions, based on information in oral, print and other media texts.	3

Specific Outcome	Appreciate the artistry of texts	
	discuss how techniques, such as colour, shape, composition, suspense, foreshadowing and flashback, are used to communicate meaning and enhance effects in oral, print and other media texts.	1
2.3 Understand Forms, Elements, and Techniques		
Specific Outcome	Experiment with language	
	explore surprising and playful uses of language and visuals in popular culture, such as cartoons, animated films and limericks; explain ways in which imagery and figurative language, such as simile, convey meaning.	1
2.4 Create Original Text		
Specific Outcome	Structure texts	
	create oral, print and other media texts that are unified by point of view, carefully developed plot and endings consistent with previous events.	5
	create a variety of oral, print and other media texts to explore ideas related to particular topics or themes.	1, 2, 5
General Outcome	Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to manage ideas and information.	
3.2 Select and Process		
Specific Outcome	Use a variety of sources	
	obtain information from a variety of sources, such as adults, peers, advertisements, magazines, lyrics, formal interviews, almanacs, broadcasts and videos, to explore research questions.	3
Specific Outcome	Access information	
	use a variety of tools and text features, such as headings, subheadings, topic sentences, summaries, staging and pacing, and highlighting, to access information.	1
3.3 Organize, Record and Evaluate		
Specific Outcome	Record information	
	reflect on ideas and information to form own opinions with evidence to support them.	3, 6
	compare, contrast and combine ideas and information from several sources.	3
3.4 Share and Review		
Specific Outcome	Share ideas and information	
	use appropriate visual, print and/or other media effectively to inform and engage the audience.	8
General Outcome	Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to enhance the clarity and artistry of communication.	
4.1 Enhance and Improve		
Specific Outcome	Revise and edit	
	revise introductions, conclusions and the order of ideas and information to add coherence and clarify meaning.	2, 5
	use paragraphs, appropriately, to organize narrative and expository texts.	2, 5, 8
Specific Outcome	Expand knowledge of language	
	identify and explain figurative and metaphorical use of language in context.	1
Specific Outcome	Enhance artistry	
	experiment with figurative language, illustrations and video effects to create visual images, provide emphasis or express emotion.	1, 5
4.3 Present and Share		
Specific Outcome	Present information	
	present ideas and opinions confidently, but without dominating the discussion, during small group activities and short, whole class sessions.	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9

Specific Outcome	Demonstrate attentive listening and viewing	
	listen and view attentively to organize and classify information and to carry out multistep instructions.	1
	ask questions or make comments that elicit additional information; probe different aspects of ideas, and clarify understanding.	6
General Outcome	Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to respect, support and collaborate with others.	
	5.1 Respect Others and Strengthen Community	
Specific Outcome	Appreciate diversity	
	discuss how ideas, people, experiences and cultural traditions are portrayed in various oral, print and other media texts.	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
	explain how differing perspectives and unique reactions expand understanding.	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
Specific Outcome	Relate texts to culture	
	identify and discuss recurring themes in oral, print and other media texts from diverse cultures and communities.	6
Specific Outcome	Celebrate accomplishments and events	
	select and use appropriate form and tone for specific audiences to celebrate special events and accomplishments.	7
Specific Outcome	Use language to show respect	
	demonstrate respect for diverse ideas, cultures and traditions portrayed in oral, print and other media texts.	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
	5.2 Work within a Group	
Specific Outcome	Cooperate with others	
	contribute collaboratively in group situations, by asking questions and building on the ideas of others.	3, 4
	take responsibility for assuming a variety of roles in a group, depending on changing contexts and needs.	7