

8th Grade Language Arts Words for the Word Wall

(Key terms/concepts from the California Reading/Language Arts Standards to cover repeatedly throughout the year and put on final exam)

Reading Vocabulary (Standard 1.0)

1. idioms
2. analogies
3. metaphors
4. similes
5. literal
6. figurative
7. define
8. restate
9. compare
10. contrast
11. example
13. character motivations and reactions from different eras confronting similar situations
14. setting (place, time and customs)
15. mood
16. tone
17. theme/ recurring themes
18. symbolism
19. dialect
20. irony (verbal, situational and dramatic)
21. writer's style

Reading Comprehension (Standard 2.0)

1. summary
2. evidence
3. job application
4. public documents
5. compare/contrast structural features of informational materials
6. proposition and support patterns in informational materials

Literary Response and Analysis (Standard 3.0)

1. ballad
2. lyric
3. couplet
4. epic
5. elegy
6. ode
7. sonnet
8. plot
9. subplot
10. parallel episode
11. climax
12. resolution (resolved and unresolved)

Writing (Standards 1.0 and 2.0)

*Students should write essays of at least 500-700 words (roughly 2-3 pages).

1. thesis statement
2. conclusion
3. transitions
4. textual evidence (quotes)
5. revise
6. edit
7. word choice (diction)
8. organization/ structure
9. topic sentence
10. controlling idea
11. biography
12. autobiography
13. narrative
14. dialogue
15. research
16. charts, maps, and graphs
17. fact versus opinion
18. counterarguments
19. simple business letter
20. job application
21. memorandum
22. technical document (how-to manual)
23. interpret/interpretation
24. infer/ inference