

RINGWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHAT EVERY STUDENT SHOULD KNOW BY THE END OF EIGHTH GRADE – LANGUAGE ARTS

THE STUDENT WILL BE ABLE TO:

- Identify literary elements (i.e. character, setting, plot, and conflict), main ideas, and supporting details in literary works.

- Read aloud with expression reflecting understanding and engaging a listener.

- Read silently with understanding and comprehension.

- Relate personal experiences to new learning (in writing and discussion).

- Incorporate new vocabulary in written work.

- Recognize cause/effect and comparison/contrast.

- Distinguish fact from opinion.

- Respond critically by developing a written response to the text using textual evidence to support interpretation.

- Communicate accurately and clearly in whole class and small group settings to inform, influence, defend an opinion, persuade, or entertain.

- Write a minimum of five (5) paragraphs, using varied sentence types and sentence beginnings and incorporate appropriate grammar, usage, and mechanics

- Recognize, use and punctuate phrases, clauses, and four (4) different sentence types.

- Improve ability to proofread, edit, revise, and rewrite work.