

LANGUAGE ARTS 8 SYLLABUS:

Students will complete units, with the requisite skills, on:

- Parts of speech: This an initial unit and will be used to assist students with writing and editing later in the course
- Research-Students research a topic on Elizabethan England and create a presentation in the given topic; other students will develop listening and note taking skills while a presentation is being done
- Drama- Students read and interpret parts of the Shakespeare play *Henry V* while learning the elements of drama and improving vocabulary
- Novels- Students will read the novella *A Christmas Carol* as well as the book *Treasure Island* and learn the literary terms about and components of a novel
- Poetry- Students write, interpret, and evaluate poems in order to understand the genre and its constituent concepts
- Standardized test preparation- Students will review all language arts skills required for the PSSA as well as the format, scoring, and expectations of the test
- Writing (ongoing throughout course)- Students will be journaling and writing various selections of varied types to build skills in formatting, conventions, and writing techniques.

