

CURRICULUM STANDARDS & BENCHMARKS FOR GRADES 9–12

Language Arts: Writing	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3
Uses the general skills and strategies of the writing process			
• Prewriting: Uses a variety of prewriting strategies	•	•	
• Drafting and Revising: Uses a variety of strategies to draft and revise written work			•
• Editing and Publishing: Uses a variety of strategies to edit and publish written work			•
• Uses strategies to adapt writing for different purposes	•		
• Writes persuasive compositions that address problems/solutions or causes/effects			•
Uses the stylistic and rhetorical aspects of writing			
• Uses precise and descriptive language that clarifies and enhances ideas and supports different purposes		•	•
• Uses paragraph form in writing		•	•
• Uses a variety of sentence structures and lengths			•
Uses grammatical and mechanical conventions in written compositions			
• Uses adjectives in written compositions		•	•
• Uses conventions of spelling in written compositions			•
• Uses appropriate format in written compositions			•
Understands the characteristics and components of the media			
• Understands different aspects of advertising in media	•	•	•
Language Arts: Reading			
Uses the general skills and strategies of the reading process			
• Uses context to understand figurative, idiomatic, and technical meanings of terms		•	•
• Extends general and specialized reading vocabulary		•	
• Understands writing techniques used to influence the reader and accomplish an author's purpose	•	•	•

Sources: NCTE (National Council of Teachers of English), IRA (International Reading Association), McREL (Mid-Continent Research for Education and Learning).