2016 CP Benchmark Skills List

Argument & The Writing Process

* identifying the thesis statement of a passage
* identifying the organizational strategies of a passage
* Making inferences based on provided evidence
* Identifying the purpose of a passage (inform, persuade, entertain)
* Identifying arguments, specific details, conclusions, calls-to-action, and counterarguments

Grammar

* Correcting errors in capitalization
* Correcting errors in punctuation
* Identifying phrases
* Identifying dependent clauses
* Identifying independent clauses

Elements of Fiction

* figurative language
* simile
* metaphor
* onomatopoeia
* hyperbole
* personification
* tone
* mood
* idiom
* parallel structure
* theme
* point-of-view

Vocabulary in Context

Reading Comprehension

Making Inferences

Connotation & Denotation