Benchmark Skills List S 2017

Honors

Argument and the Writing Process

* identify the thesis in a passage
* making inferences based on evidence
* ethos, pathos, logos
* purpose of writing: persuade, inform, entertain
* identifying arguments, specific details, conclusions, and calls to actions
* identifying, creating, and refuting counter-arguments
* determining vocabulary definitions based on context clues

Grammar

Capitalization

Punctuation

Phrases

Clauses

* subordinate clauses / dependent clauses
* independent clauses

Literary Elements

* figurative language
* simile
* metaphor
* onomatopoeia
* hyperbole
* personification
* tone
* mood
* idiom
* parallel structure
* theme

Reading Literary texts

Reading Informational Texts

Vocabulary In Context

Connotation and Denotation