English Language Arts K-9 – Big Ideas

Grade			
K-1	 Language and story can be a source of creativity and joy. (K-3) Playing with language helps us discover how language works. 	 Stories and other texts help us learn about ourselves and our families. Stories and other texts can be shared through pictures and words. Everyone has a unique story to share. (K-2) Through listening and speaking, we connect with others and share our world. (K-2) 	Curiosity and wonder lead us to new discoveries about ourselves and the world around us.
2		 Stories and other texts connect us to ourselves, our families, and our communities. Everyone has a unique story to share. (K-2) Through listening and speaking, we connect with others and share our world. (K-2) 	
3	 Language and story can be a source of creativity and joy. (K-3) Using language in creative and playful ways helps us understand how language works. (Grades 3-5) 	 Stories and other texts help us learn about ourselves, our families, and our communities. Stories can be understood from different perspectives. 	
4-5	 Language and text can be a source of creativity and joy. (Grades 4-9) Using language in creative and playful ways helps us understand how language works. (Grades 3-5) 	 Exploring stories and other texts helps us understand ourselves and make connections to others and to the world. (Grades 4-9) Texts can be understood from different perspectives. 	Questioning what we hear, read, and view contributes to our ability to be educated and engaged citizens. (Grades 4-9)
6-7	 Language and text can be a source of creativity and joy. (Grades 4-9) Developing our understanding of how language works allows us to use it purposefully. 	 Exploring stories and other texts helps us understand ourselves and make connections to others and to the world. (Grades 4-9) Exploring and sharing multiple perspectives extends our thinking. 	



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8-9	Language and text can be a source of creativity and joy. (Grades 4-9)	 Exploring stories and other texts helps us understand ourselves and make connections to others and to the world. (Grades 4-9) Texts are socially, culturally, and historically constructed. People understand text differently depending on their worldviews and perspectives. 	Questioning what we hear, read, and view contributes to our ability to be educated and engaged citizens. (Grades 4-9)

