

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School ELA/History			
7th Grade			
Curriculum Overview			
Units & days	Reading Skills (students will be able to (do)...	Writing Skills	History Connection
A Tangle of Knots (6 days)	Analyze how the plot intersects between narratives. Be able to make connections to real world situations.	Identify and be able to produce creative writing pieces.	
Short Stories Unit (5 days)	Identify the components of plot diagram in a story, analyze character traits, compare two short stories, identify character motives, make connections between the author's background and writing styles/plots.	Informative essay: conduct research to create a bubble graph and outline. Construct an organized essay on the author.	
Parables, Fables and Myths (10 days)	Analyze the meaning of the different types of genres, identify the structure of the different types of stories, research historical and cultural stories that fit within the categories.	Compare/Contrast: Write the similarities and differences between two mythological stories. Conduct research and create an outline using the proper writing structure.	Roman history
Classic Short Stories (10 days)	Analyze writing styles between two authors, make evidence-based claims from excerpts from text, deepen understanding of text by close-reading segments.	Creative writing: alter the ending of a story, focusing on writing with plot twists. Ensuring work does not have plot holes. Match the voice of ending to that of original text.	American/European history
A Christmas Carol (20 days)	Make historical connections to the text, support claim from a text, analyze how fictional work mimics social injustices. Deepen understanding of text by researching historical context. Make evidence-based claims by using passages from novel.	Informative essay: Use credible resources to support claim, correct usage or writing mechanics and organization.	Victorian Era
Walk Two Moons (15 days)	Identify and use literary terms and figurative language.	Informative essay: Create coherent transitions, Functional text: Write letter to address an issue in the community, create brochures.	Expansion of America



Poetry Unit	Be able to analyze poetry, understand the complexity of meaning and structure, memorize and recite poetry, identify various styles of poems.	Write various types of poetry. Construct a presentation to deliver on selected poet. Add visual aids.	Historical eras related to timeframe
Trash (15 days)	Draw evidence from text to support research, relate text to current events, analyze how different character perspectives impact the plot,	Research paper: properly use MLA citations and works cited page, be able to analyze work and make appropriate edits, organize structure and citations to appropriately prove thesis.	Industrial Revolution
I Am Malala (15 days)	Compare other religions to Catholic faith, analyze varying cultural norms through text, compare and contrast from selected readings. Interpret graphic features from text.	Write response to literature. Write comparisons between text and current events.	Geography/Global Human Rights

of published poetry
