

**Plumstead Christian School
8th Grade English Curriculum Map**

	Reading and Literature	Listening and Speaking	Writing and Grammar	Vocabulary
Quarter 1 – Dilemmas and Decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer reading review • Short Stories • <i>Murder on the Orient Express</i> • Independent Reading • Article-of-the-Week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom discussion • Socratic Circles • Oral Presentations related to reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthology contributions • Literary Reflections • Short fiction writing • Conversation Notebook • Grammar integration into Writing Workshop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocabulary from Short Stories • Vocabulary from <i>Murder on the Orient Express</i> • Vocabulary from news articles
Quarter 2 – Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Prince and the Pauper</i> • <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> • Independent Reading • Article-of-the-Week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom discussion • Socratic Circles • Oral Presentations related to reading • Speech Meet • Family/friend interviews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informational Writing • Literary Reflections • Words of Wisdom Literary Analysis • Conversation Notebook • Grammar integration into Writing Workshop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocabulary from <i>Prince and the Pauper</i> • Vocabulary from <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> • Vocabulary from news articles
Quarter 3 – Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poetry • <i>Call of the Wild</i> • Independent Reading • Article-of-the-Week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom discussion • Socratic Circles • Oral Presentations related to reading • Classmate Interviews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poetry Portfolio • Literary Reflections • Newspaper Writing • Conversation Notebook • Grammar integration into Writing Workshop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocabulary from poetry • Vocabulary from <i>Call of the Wild</i> • Vocabulary from news articles
Quarter 4 – Actions and Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>I Have Lived a Thousand Years</i> • <i>Diary of Anne Frank</i> • Independent Reading • Article-of-the-Week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom discussion • Socratic Circles • Oral Presentations related to reading • Class debate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Paper • Literary Reflections • Conversation Notebook • Grammar integration into Writing Workshop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocabulary from <i>I Have Lived a Thousand Years</i> • Vocabulary from <i>Diary of Anne Frank</i> • Vocabulary from news articles