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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
 A Parts of Speech Nouns Chapter 14 Pronouns Chapter 14 and 23 Verbs Chapter 15 and 22 Adjectives Chapter 16 and 25 Adverbs Chapter 16 and 25 Prepositions Chapter 17 Conjunctions Chapter 18 Interjections Chapter 18 B Capitalization Chapter 27 C Quotation Marks Chapter 26.4 	 Locate appropriate texts Identify and use common organizational structures and graphic features to comprehend information Understand specialized vocabulary in the content areas during reading. Use these words accurately in speaking and writing. Demonstrate fluency and comprehension in reading Self-correct mistakes Read and understand essential content of informational texts and documents in all academic areas Edit writing using the conventions of language: spell common, frequently used words correctly; use capital letters correctly; use capital letters correctly; use all parts of speech properly, and use complete sentences 	 Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar Exercise Workbook. Prentice Hall Online Essay Scorer. WriteSource Prentice Hall provided audio, CD's, tapes, videos, unit resources. Supplemental materials provided by teacher as needed. 	 Text exercises Teacher made tests and quizzes Prentice Hall tests and quizzes Prentice Hall on-line essay scorer Worksheets Student/ teacher generated essays Response to PSSA prompts Alternative/technology projects

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D Dialogue Chapter 26.4 E Glossary Terms	 Listen to others Speak using skills appropriate to formal speech situations pronouncing words correctly Contribute to discussions. Analyze the role and place of standard American English in speech, writing and literature 		

Unit: Writing

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
A Introduction to Writing Chapters 1, 2, and 3 B Narrative Writing Chapter 4 C Descriptive Writing Chapter 6 D Persuasive Writing Chapter 7 E Comparison and Contrast Writing Chapter 8 F Cause and Effect Writing Chapter 9 G How To Writing Chapter 10 H Response to Literature Writing Chapter 12 I Writing for Assessment Chapter 13	 Write a minimum of two three- paragraph essays which will be scored online from Prentice Hall Online Essay Scorer Write a minimum of four teacher scored essays and one research project. The teacher chooses from the following categories: Narrative Writing Descriptive Writing Persuasive Writing Comparison and Contrast Writing Cause and Effect Writing How To Writing Response to Literature Writing Writing for Assessment Use an MLA Heading 	 Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar Exercise Workbook. Prentice Hall Online Essay Scorer. WriteSource Prentice Hall provided audio, CD's, tapes, videos, unit resources. Four Square Writing Method Four Square Personal Writing Coach Supplemental materials provided by teacher as needed. 	 Text exercises Teacher made tests and quizzes Prentice Hall tests and quizzes Prentice Hall Online Essay Scorer Worksheets Student / teacher generated essays Response to PSSA and/or teacher generated prompts Alternative/technology project(s) Oral individual/group project(s) / presentation(s)

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J Glossary Terms:	 Write an effective introduction of at least four to five sentences using the funnel method of writing Write an effective conclusion of at least three to four sentences using the inverted funnel method of writing. Independently write a three-paragraph essay Write a guided five-paragraph essay Write a body paragraph with a minimum of six to nine sentences Attain proficiency / advanced in PSSA writing prompts. Identify and use common organizational structures and graphic features to comprehend information 		

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
 Inference Main Idea Multiple-meaning Words Organization Problem/Solution Persuasive Tactics Sentence Fluency Style Syntax Thesis Tone Voice 	 Understand specialized vocabulary in the content areas during reading and use these words accurately in speaking and writing Read and understand essential content of informational texts in all academic areas Produce work in at least one literary genre that follows the conventions of the genre Write multi-paragraph informational pieces Write multi-paragraph persuasive pieces with a clearly stated position or opinion: include convincing, elaborated and properly cited evidence; develop reader interest; anticipate and counter reader concerns and arguments 		

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Course Content	 Write with a sharp, distinct focus; identify topic, task and audience; establish a single point of view Write using well-developed content appropriate for topic: gather, determine validity and reliability of and organize information; employ the most effective format for purpose and audience; write paragraphs that have details and information specific to the topic and relevant to the focus Write with controlled organization; sustain a logical order within sentences and between paragraphs using 	Resources	Assessments
	meaningful transitions		

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
	establish topic and purpose in the introduction; reiterate the topic and purpose in the conclusion		
	 Write with an understanding of the stylistic aspects of composition; use different types and lengths of sentences 		
	 Revise writing after rethinking logic of organization and rechecking central idea, content, paragraph development, level of detail, and word choice 		
	Edit writing using the conventions of language		
	Spell common, frequently used words correctly; use capital letters correctly; punctuate correctly; use the eight parts of speech properly;		

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
	 use complete sentences Present and/or defend written work when appropriate Listen to others Ask probing questions. Take notes when needed. Speak using skills appropriate to formal speech situations Use complete sentences Pronounce words correctly Adjust volume to purpose and audience Adjust pace to convey meaning Add stress and inflection to enhance meaning Contribute to discussions Listen to and acknowledge the contributions of others 		

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
	 Clarify, illustrate or expand on a response when asked Present support for opinions Paraphrase and summarize, when prompted Participate in small and large group discussions and presentations Use media for learning purposes Analyze the role and place of standard American English in speech, writing and literature 		

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
A Research Report Chapter 11	Answer teacher generated research questions in outline form	 Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar Prentice Hall Writing and 	Text exercisesTeacher made tests and quizzes
B Citing Sources and Preparing Manuscript pgs. 724-728	Go to the library and locate a minimum of four sources, two online	Grammar Exercise Workbook WriteSource	 Prentice Hall tests and quizzes Prentice Hall Online Essay
C Internet Research Handbook pgs. 729-733	 Include a minimum of four main ideas in their report/ project Summarize and paraphrase 	 Prentice Hall provided audio, CD's, tapes, videos, unit resources Supplemental materials 	ScorerWorksheetsStudent / teacher generated
D Teacher generated research questions	main ideas and supporting details	provided by teacher as needed	essaysResponse to PSSA and/or teacher generated prompts
E Teacher guided research project	Write a multi-paragraph report and/or complete project	Library technologies / computer online sources and other sources	Peer response groupsTeacher assessmentsRubrics
F MLA heading and Works Cited page	 Add MLA heading and Works Cited Write an effective introduction of at least four to six sentences using the funnel method. 	Citationmachine.netNoodlebib.com	 Self-evaluation / self-editing / reflection Peer / outside audience editing Conferencing Preliminary Works Cited

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
 G Glossary Terms Accuracy Analysis Assertion Author's Purpose Author's Thesis Conclusion Content Conventions of Language Evaluate Expository Text Fluency Focus Generalization Graphic Organizer Headings, Graphics and Charts Informational Texts Main Idea 	 Write an effective conclusion of at least three to four sentences using the inverted funnel Write a body paragraph with a minimum of six to nine sentences Attain proficiency/advanced in PSSA writing prompts. Identify and use common organizational structures and features to comprehend information Understand specialized vocabulary in the content areas during reading. Use these words accurately in speaking and writing. Read and understand essential content of informational texts and documents in all academic areas 		 Review of rough drafts Review of revised drafts Final research project Oral individual / group project(s) presentation(s) Alternative/technology projects

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 Multiple-meaning Words Organization Paraphrase Plagiarism Primary Source Print Media Research Sentence Fluency Style Summarize Thesis Tone Validity Voice 	 Differentiate fact from opinion utilizing resources that go beyond traditional texts to electronic media Distinguish between essential and nonessential information across texts and going beyond text to a variety of media Use and understand a variety of media and evaluate the quality of material produced Write multi-paragraph informational project(s) / report(s) Write with a sharp, distinct focus; identify topic, task and audience; establish a single point of view 		

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	 Write using well-developed content appropriate for the topic; gather and organize information; write paragraphs that have details and information specific to the topic and relevant to the focus Write with controlled organization; sustain a logical order within sentences and between paragraphs using meaningful transitions; establish topic and purpose in the introduction; reiterate the topic and purpose in the conclusion Write with an understanding of the stylistic aspects of composition; use different types and lengths of sentences 		

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
	 Revise writing after rethinking logic of organization and rechecking central idea, content, paragraph development, level of detail, and word choice Edit writing using the conventions of language Spell common, frequently used words correctly; use capital letters correctly; punctuate correctly; use the eight parts of speech properly; use complete sentences Present and/or defend written work when appropriate Listen to others; ask probing questions 		

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
	 Speak using skills appropriate to formal speech situations pronouncing words correctly; use complete sentences; pronounce words correctly; adjust volume to purpose and audience; adjust pace to convey meaning; add stress and inflection to enhance meaning Contribute meaningfully to discussions Take notes when needed Listen to and acknowledge the contributions of others Clarify, illustrate or expand on a response when asked Participate in small and large group discussions and presentations 		

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
Course Content	Student Performance Take relevant notes from sources Develop a guided thesis statement Give formal credit for others' ideas, images or information using a Works Cited page	Resources	Assessments

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A Vocabulary Workshop Shostak Level A	View vocabulary units as cumulative	Shostak Workbook Level AWriteSource	Teacher made tests and quizzes
B Dictionary Skills Chapter 29.2C Glossary terms: Affix	Expand a reading vocabulary by identifying and correctly using new words acquired through the study of their relationship to other words	 Supplemental materials provided by teacher as needed. 	 Essays Projects Teacher / student generated activities Shostak tests and quizzes Worksheets
AntonymContext cluesInflectional endingsMultiple meaning words	Understand the meaning of and apply key vocabulary across the various subject areas		
PhonicsPrefix	Spell all vocabulary words correctly		
Root wordSemantics	Spell common, frequently used words correctly		
SuffixSynonymTarget words	Describe the origins and meanings of common, learned and foreign words used frequently in English language		
	 Analyze the role and place of standard American English in speech, writing and literature 		

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
	 Identify new words that have been added to the English language over time Use the dictionary/ 		
	thesaurus effectively		

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
A Various sample essays to edit and revise B Multiple choice questions in editing and revising C Writing to the domains D Writing to the rubrics E Glossary Terms:	 Attain proficiency /advanced in PSSA writing prompts. Write multi-paragraph informational pieces Write multi-paragraph persuasive pieces Write with a sharp, distinct focus; identify topic, task and audience; establish a single point of view Write using well-developed content appropriate for topic; write paragraphs that have details and information specific to the topic and relevant to the focus Write with controlled organization; sustain a logical order within sentences and between paragraphs using meaningful transitions; establish topic and purpose in the introduction; reiterate the topic and purpose in the conclusion 	 PSSA Prep Grade 6 Editing and Revising Better Test Scores for PSSA Writing. WriteSource Four Square Writing Method Four Square Writing Method Personal Coach Supplemental materials provided by teacher as needed 	 Text exercises Teacher made tests and quizzes Prentice Hall tests and quizzes Worksheets Student /teacher generated essays Prentice Hall Online Essay Scorer. Response to PSSA and/or teacher generated prompts

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	Write with an understanding of		
	the stylistic aspects of		
	composition; use different types		
	and lengths of sentences		
	Revise writing after rethinking		
	logic of organization and		
	rechecking central idea,		
	content, paragraph		
	development, level of detail,		
	and word choice		
	Edit writing using the		
	conventions of language		
	 Spell common, frequently used words correctly; use capital 		
	letters correctly; punctuate		
	correctly; use the eight parts of		
	speech properly; use complete		
	sentences		
	Listen to others		
	Contribute to discussions		
	Analyze the role and place of		
	standard American English in		
	speech, writing and literature		

Text and Resource List

- Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar (Copper Level 2004)
- Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar Exercise Workbook
- Prentice Hall Online Essay Scorer
- PSSA Prep Grade 6 Editing and Revising (Queue)
- Better Test Scores for PSSA Writing
- Shostak Vocabulary Level A
- WriteSource
- Four Square Writing Method Four Square Personal Coach
- Prentice Hall provided audio, CD's, tapes, videos, unit resources
- Supplemental materials provided by teacher as needed.