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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
A Parts of a Sentence Chapter 19 B Phrases and Clauses Chapter 20 C Sentence Types and Variety Chapter 21 D Punctuation - mastery of the apostrophe, comma and end punctuation; introduce semi-colon and colon -Chapter 26 E Diagramming workshop (pages 656 - 665) F Glossary Terms	<ul> <li>Locate appropriate texts.</li> <li>Identify and use common organizational structures and graphic features to comprehend information</li> <li>Understand specialized vocabulary in the content areas during reading. Use these words accurately in speaking and writing.</li> <li>Demonstrate fluency and comprehension in reading</li> <li>Self-correct mistakes</li> <li>Read and understand essential content of informational texts and documents in all academic areas</li> <li>Edit writing using the conventions of language: spell common, frequently used words correctly; use capital letters correctly; punctuate correctly; use all</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar</li> <li>Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar Writing Exercise Workbook.</li> <li>Prentice Hall On-line Essay Scorer.</li> <li>WriteSource</li> <li>Prentice Hall provided audio, CD's, tapes, videos, unit resources.</li> <li>Supplemental materials provided by teacher as needed</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Text exercises</li> <li>Teacher made tests and quizzes</li> <li>Prentice Hall tests and quizzes</li> <li>Prentice Hall on-line essay scorer</li> <li>Worksheets</li> <li>Student / teacher generated essays</li> <li>Response to PSSA and/or teacher generated prompts</li> <li>Alternative/technology projects</li> </ul>

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	parts of speech properly, and use complete sentences (simple, compound, complex, compound-complex, declarative, interrogative, exclamatory, and imperative)  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		

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A Introduction to Writing Chapters 1, 2, and 3 B Descriptive Writing Chapter 6 C Persuasive Writing Chapter 7 D Comparison and Contrast Writing Chapter 8 E Cause and Effect Writing Chapter 9 F How To Writing Chapter 10 G Response to Literature Writing Chapter 12 H Writing for Assessment Chapter 13 I Glossary Terms:	<ul> <li>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 piece. The teacher chooses from the following categories:</li> <li>Descriptive Writing</li> <li>Persuasive Writing</li> <li>Persuasive Writing</li> <li>Comparison and Contrast Writing</li> <li>Cause and Effect Writing</li> <li>How To Writing</li> <li>Response to Literature Writing</li> <li>Writing for Assessment</li> <li>Use an MLA Heading</li> <li>Write an effective introduction of at least four</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar</li> <li>Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar Exercise Workbook.</li> <li>Prentice Hall On-line Essay Scorer.</li> <li>WriteSource</li> <li>Four Square Writing Method</li> <li>Four Square Writing Personal Coach</li> <li>Prentice Hall provided audio, CD's, tapes, videos, unit resources.</li> <li>Supplemental materials provided by teacher as needed</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Text exercises</li> <li>Teacher made tests and quizzes</li> <li>Prentice Hall tests and quizzes</li> <li>Prentice Hall On-line Essay Scorer</li> <li>Worksheets</li> <li>Student / teacher generated essays</li> <li>Response to PSSA and/or teacher generated prompts</li> <li>Alternative/technology projects</li> <li>Oral individual/group project(s)/ presentations</li> </ul>

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<ul> <li>Bias</li> <li>Cause and Effect</li> <li>Characterization</li> <li>Compare</li> <li>Conclusion</li> <li>Conflict/Problem</li> <li>Content</li> <li>Contrast</li> <li>Conventions of Language</li> <li>Descriptive Text</li> <li>Editorials</li> <li>Evaluate</li> <li>Explanatory sentence</li> <li>Expository Text</li> <li>Figurative Language</li> <li>Fluency</li> <li>Focus</li> <li>Generalization</li> <li>Graphic Organizer</li> <li>Inference</li> </ul>	to six sentences using the funnel method  Write an effective conclusion of at least four to six sentences using the inverted funnel method  Independently write a three-paragraph essay  Write a guided five-paragraph essay  Identify and use common organizational structures and graphic features to comprehend information  Write a body paragraph with a minimum of eight to twelve sentences  Attain proficiency/advanced in PSSA writing prompts.  Understand specialized vocabulary in the content areas during reading. Use		

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<ul> <li>Main Idea</li> <li>Multiple-meaning Words</li> <li>Organization</li> <li>Problem/Solution</li> <li>Persuasive Tactics</li> <li>Sentence Fluency</li> <li>Style</li> <li>Syntax</li> <li>Thesis</li> <li>Tone</li> <li>Voice</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>these words accurately in speaking and in writing</li> <li>Read and understand essential content of informational texts in all academic areas</li> <li>Produce work in at least one literary genre that follows the conventions of the genre.</li> <li>Read and understand works of literature</li> <li>Read and respond to fiction and nonfiction</li> <li>Write multi-paragraph informational pieces</li> <li>Write multi-paragraph persuasive pieces: include a clearly stated position or opinion; convincing, elaborated and properly cited evidence; develop reader interest; anticipate</li> </ul>		

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	<ul> <li>and counter reader concerns and arguments</li> <li>Write with a sharp, distinct focus; identify topic, task and audience; establish a single point of view</li> <li>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</li> <li>Write with controlled and/or subtle organization; sustain a logical order within sentences and between</li> </ul>		

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	paragraphs using		
	meaningful transitions; establish topic and purpose		
	in the introduction; reiterate		
	the topic and purpose in the		
	conclusion		
	<ul> <li>Write with an understanding</li> </ul>		
	of the stylistic aspects of		
	composition; use different		
	types and lengths of		
	sentences; use tone and		
	voice through the use of		
	precise language		
	Revise writing after		
	rethinking logic of		
	organization and rechecking		
	central idea, content,		
	paragraph development,		
	level of detail style, tone and		
	word choice		
	Edit writing using the		
	conventions of language		

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	Spell common, frequently		
	used words correctly; use		
	capital letters correctly;		
	punctuate correctly; use the		
	eight parts of speech		
	properly; use complete		
	sentences including the		
	various types and structures.		
	Present and/or defend		
	written work when		
	appropriate		
	Listen to others		
	<ul> <li>Ask probing questions.</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Analyze information, ideas</li> </ul>		
	and opinions to determine		
	relevancy		
	<ul> <li>Take notes when needed.</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Speak using skills</li> </ul>		
	appropriate to formal speech		
	situations pronouncing		
	words correctly		
	Use complete sentences.		

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	Pronounce words correctly.		
	<ul> <li>Adjust volume to purpose</li> </ul>		
	and audience		
	<ul> <li>Adjust pace to convey</li> </ul>		
	meaning		
	<ul> <li>Add stress and inflection to</li> </ul>		
	enhance meaning.		
	<ul> <li>Contribute to discussions.</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Ask relevant, probing</li> </ul>		
	questions		
	<ul> <li>Respond with relevant</li> </ul>		
	information, ideas or		
	reasons in support of		
	opinions expressed		
	Listen to and acknowledge		
	the contributions of others.		
	Adjust tone and involvement		
	to encourage equitable		
	participation		
	Clarify, illustrate or expand     Propagation and appropriate when parted		
	on a response when asked.		
	<ul> <li>Present support for opinions.</li> </ul>		

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	<ul> <li>Paraphrase and summarize, when prompted</li> <li>Participate in small and large group discussions and presentations</li> <li>Use media for learning purposes</li> <li>Analyze the role and place of standard American English in speech, writing and literature</li> </ul>		

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
A Research Report Chapter 11 B Citing Sources and Preparing Manuscript pgs. 760 - 764 C Internet Research Handbook pgs. 765-769 D Topic Outline E Note Card Format F MLA Style Documentation pgs. 763-764 G Glossary Terms	<ul> <li>Create topic outline and thesis</li> <li>Create an outline, including four to five main ideas with supporting details per main idea, minimum of three</li> <li>Summarize and paraphrase main ideas and supporting details</li> <li>Create note cards.</li> <li>Write a multi-paragraph report</li> <li>Add MLA styled documentation</li> <li>Cite sources</li> <li>Write an effective introduction of at least four to six sentences using the funnel method of writing</li> <li>Write an effective conclusion of at least four to six sentences using the inverted funnel method of writing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar</li> <li>Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar Exercise Workbook.</li> <li>Prentice Hall On-line Essay Scorer.</li> <li>WriteSource</li> <li>Four Square Writing Method</li> <li>Four Square Writing Personal Coach</li> <li>Prentice Hall provided audio, CD's, tapes, videos, unit resources</li> <li>Supplemental materials provided by teacher as needed</li> <li>Library Technologies / computer on-line sources and other sources</li> <li>Citationmachine.net</li> <li>Noodlebib.com</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Text exercises</li> <li>Teacher made tests and quizzes</li> <li>Prentice Hall tests and quizzes</li> <li>Prentice Hall On-line Essay Scorer</li> <li>Worksheets</li> <li>Student / teacher generated essays</li> <li>Peer response groups</li> <li>Teacher assessments</li> <li>Rubrics</li> <li>Self-Evaluation / Self-Editing / Reflection</li> <li>Journals</li> <li>Peer / Outside Audience Editing</li> <li>Conferencing</li> <li>Preliminary Works Cited</li> <li>Review of rough drafts</li> <li>Review of revised drafts</li> </ul>

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<ul> <li>Tone</li> <li>Validity</li> <li>Voice</li> </ul>	going beyond to a variety of media  Draw inferences based on a variety of information sources  Use and understand a variety of media and evaluate the quality of material produced  Use, design and develop a media project that expands understanding  Produce work in at least one literary genre that follows the conventions of the genre  Write multi-paragraph informational and/or persuasive project  Write with a sharp, distinct focus; identify topic, task and audience; establish a single point of view		

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	<ul> <li>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</li> <li>Write with controlled and/or subtle 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</li> </ul>		

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	<ul> <li>Write with an understanding of the stylistic aspects of composition; use different types and lengths of sentences; use tone and voice through the use of precise language</li> <li>Revise writing after rethinking logic of organization and rechecking central idea, content, paragraph development, level of detail style, tone and word choice</li> <li>Edit writing using the conventions of language</li> <li>Spell common, frequently used words correctly; use capital letters correctly; punctuate correctly; use the eight parts of speech properly; use complete sentences including the</li> </ul>		

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Odd 30 Odliciik	various types and structures  Present and/or defend written work when appropriate  Listen to others; ask probing questions; analyze information, ideas and opinions to determine relevancy  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 to discussions; ask relevant, probing questions	Resources	ASSESSMENTS

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Course Content	<ul> <li>Student Performance</li> <li>Take notes when needed</li> <li>Respond with relevant information, ideas or reasons in support of opinions expressed</li> <li>Listen to and acknowledge the contributions of others</li> <li>Adjust tone and involvement to encourage equitable participation.</li> <li>Clarify, illustrate or expand on a response when asked.</li> <li>Present support for opinions</li> <li>Paraphrase and summarize, when prompted</li> <li>Participate in small and large group discussions and presentations</li> <li>Use media for learning purposes</li> <li>Analyze the role and place of standard American English in</li> </ul>	Resources	Assessments
	speech, writing and literature		

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	<ul> <li>Select and refine a topic for research</li> <li>Locate information using appropriate sources and strategies</li> <li>Determine valid resources for researching the topic, including primary sources.</li> <li>Evaluate the importance and quality of the sources</li> <li>Select essential sources</li> <li>Use tables of contents, indices, key words, cross-references and appendices</li> <li>Use traditional and electronic search tools</li> <li>Organize, summarize and present the main ideas from research</li> <li>Identify the steps necessary to carry out a research project</li> <li>Take relevant notes from sources</li> </ul>		

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	<ul> <li>Develop a thesis statement based on research</li> <li>Give precise, formal credit for others' ideas, images or information using a standard method of documentation</li> <li>Use formatting techniques to create an understandable presentation for a designated audience</li> </ul>		

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
A Vocabulary Workshop Shostak Level B B Glossary terms:	<ul> <li>View vocabulary units as cumulative</li> <li>Expand a reading vocabulary by identifying and correctly using new words acquired through the study of their relationship to other words</li> <li>Understand the meaning of and apply key vocabulary across the various subject areas</li> <li>Spell common, frequently used words correctly</li> <li>Describe the origins and meanings of common, learned and foreign words used frequently in English language</li> <li>Analyze the role and place of standard American English in speech, writing and literature</li> <li>Identify new words that have been added to the English language over time</li> </ul>	Shostak Workbook Level B     WriteSource	<ul> <li>Teacher made tests and quizzes</li> <li>Shostak tests and quizzes</li> <li>Student/Teacher generated Essays</li> <li>Projects</li> <li>Teacher generated activities</li> <li>Worksheets</li> </ul>

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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:	<ul> <li>Attain proficiency/advanced in PSSA writing prompts.</li> <li>Write multi-paragraph informational pieces</li> <li>Write multi-paragraph persuasive pieces</li> <li>Write with a sharp, distinct focus: identify topic, task and audience; establish a single point of view</li> <li>Write using well-developed content appropriate for topic; write paragraphs that have details and information specific to the topic and relevant to the focus</li> <li>Write with controlled and/or subtle 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</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>PSSA Prep Grade 7 Editing and Revising</li> <li>Better Test Scores for PSSA Writing.</li> <li>Four Square Writing Method Grades</li> <li>Four Square Writing Method Personal</li> <li>Supplemental materials provided by teacher as needed.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Text exercises</li> <li>Teacher made tests and quizzes</li> <li>Worksheets</li> <li>Student/teacher generated essays</li> <li>Response to PSSA and/or teacher generated prompts</li> </ul>

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D. PSSA Reading Rubric E. PSSA Assessment Anchor Glossary

Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
	<ul> <li>Write with an understanding of the stylistic aspects of composition; use different types and lengths of sentences; use tone and voice through the use of precise language</li> <li>Revise writing after rethinking logic of organization and rechecking central idea, content, paragraph development, level of detail, style, tone and word choice</li> <li>Edit writing using the conventions of language</li> <li>Spell common, frequently used words correctly; use capital letters correctly; punctuate correctly; use the eight parts of speech properly; use complete sentences including the various types and structures</li> <li>Listen to others</li> </ul>		

**PSSA Preparation** Unit:

State Curriculum Standard: 1.4.8 Types of Writing

1.5.8 Quality of Writing

1.6.8 Speaking and Listening1.7.8 Characteristics and Functions of the English Language

PSSA Anchor: See Checklist

# Appendix:

A. PA Academic Standards for Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening - Grade 8 B. PSSA Reading Assessment Anchors Checklists

**C. PSSA Writing Rubrics** 

D. PSSA Reading Rubric

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