

English Language Arts Grade 8 Collection

Curriculum Organizers	Comprehend and Respond				Communicate Ideas and Information				Self and Society		
	Strategies and Skills	Comprehension	Engagement and Personal Response	Critical Analysis	Knowledge of Language	Composing and Creating	Improving Communications	Presenting and Valuing	Personal Awareness	Working Together	Building Community
Crossroads 8											
Identities 8											
Sightlines 8											
Additional Resources – Anthologies											
On Common Ground	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓
Additional Resources – Student References											
Gage Canadian Dictionary, Revised and Expanded					✓						
Gage Canadian Thesaurus					✓						
Nelson Canadian Dictionary of the English Language					✓						
Resourcelines 7/8	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Writers Express					✓	✓	✓	✓			
Additional Resources – Print											
Language Arts Survival Guide: Over 1500 Tips for Communication	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Nelson Language and Writing 8					✓	✓	✓	✓			
Speak for Yourself	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Additional Resources – Novels and Plays											
Selected at the local level											

✓

Indicates minimal or no support for several of the prescribed learning outcomes within the curriculum organizer.

For the comprehensive resources, indicates satisfactory to good support for the majority of the learning outcomes within the curriculum organizer.

For the additional resources, indicates support for one or more learning outcomes within the curriculum organizer.

English Language Arts Grade 8 Comprehensive Resources



Crossroads 8

Author(s): Godfrey, J., Carty, M., Ouellette, M.

General Description: This resource, consisting of a student anthology and accompanying teacher's guide, offers a large selection of Canadian materials complimented by a variety of international texts. This resource provides a variety of opportunities for students to experience the six language arts and to use language arts across the disciplines.

The student anthology features a wide range of selections with an emphasis on western Canadian texts, including Aboriginal and multicultural perspectives. It contains a main table of contents organized thematically and an alternate table of contents organized around broad topics such as humour and satire. The activity-based anthology is organized into six major units. Cross-curricular links are provided throughout.

The teacher's guide provides a rich source of student learning activities. It consists of rubrics and language masters for a wide range of activities, and provides unit overviews and strong support for anthology selections and process-oriented activities. Blackline masters related to assessment and evaluation and novel study are identical in each teacher's guide, Grades 7-10.

Audience: General

Category: Student, Teacher Resource

Curriculum Organizer(s): *Communicate Ideas and Information*
Comprehend and Respond
Self and Society

Supplier: Gage Educational Publishing Co. (Scarborough)
164 Commander Boulevard
Scarborough, ON
M1S 3C7

Tel: 1-800-667-1115 Fax: (416) 293-9009

Price: Student Anthology: \$36.95
Teacher's Guide: \$99.95

ISBN/Order No: Student Anthology: 0-7715-1322-4
Teacher's Guide: 0-7715-1328-3

Copyright Year: 2000

Year Recommended for Grade Collection: 2001



Identities 8

Author(s): Toutant, A. ...*(et al.)*

General Description: *Identities 8* consists of a student anthology and a teacher's guide, and provides a variety of opportunities for students to learn to use the six language arts.

The student anthology features a range of print and visual texts in a variety of genres and themes appropriate for average readers. The anthology is organized into eight thematic units, some of which focus on a single genre, and others on a variety of genres. The student text includes before, during and after reading strategies and also provides students with tips and suggestions for editing and revision, the inquiry process and the use of the six language arts.

The teacher's handbook includes sample units, suggestions for unit planning, information on assessment, and reproducible worksheets including rubric templates, graphic organizers, goal-setting, story maps, and self-assessment sheets.

Audience: General

Category: Student, Teacher Resource

Curriculum Organizer(s): *Communicate Ideas and Information*
Comprehend and Respond
Self and Society

Supplier: Oxford University Press (Ontario)
70 Wynford Drive
Don Mills, ON
M3C 1J9

Tel: 1-800-387-8020 Fax: (416) 441-0345

Price: Student Anthology: \$33.75
Teacher Instruction and Assessment Design
Handbook: \$57.00

ISBN/Order No: Student Anthology: 0-19-541363-6
Teacher Instruction and Assessment Design
Handbook: 0-49-541517-5

Copyright Year: 1998

Year Recommended for Grade Collection: 2001

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SightLines Program Grade 8

General Description: The Grade 8 level of this resource consists of a student anthology, *SightLines 8*, an accompanying teacher's guide, and an independent language arts resource book, *ResourceLines 7/8*. The student anthology provides challenging reading and features extensive Canadian content, including Aboriginal perspectives in a wide variety of print, oral, and visual texts. The teacher's guide provides extensive support for anthology selections, activities, mini lessons, and assessment and evaluation materials. *ResourceLines 7/8*, designed for both teacher-directed instruction and independent student work, contains strategies for using the six language arts processes in authentic contexts, a chapter on research, and a language handbook that addresses usage, grammar, spelling, and style.

Audience: *General*
Gifted - opportunities for extension and enrichment

Category: *Student, Teacher Resource*

Curriculum Organizer(s): *Communicate Ideas and Information*
Comprehend and Respond
Self and Society

Supplier: *Pearson Education Canada*
26 Prince Andrew Place
Don Mills, ON
M3C 2T8

Tel: 1-800-361-6128 Fax: (416) 447-2551

Price: Student Anthology: \$37.95
Teacher's Guide: \$110.95
ResourceLines 7/8 : \$19.95

ISBN/Order No: Student Anthology: 0-13-012905-4
Teacher's Guide: 0-13-01308108
ResourceLines 7/8 : 0-13-012918-6

Copyright Year: 1999

Year Recommended for Grade Collection: 2001

English Language Arts Grade 8 Additional Resources



Gage Canadian Dictionary, Revised and Expanded

General Description: This revised and expanded current edition contains 140,000 direct and concise entries, supported by illustrative sentences and points of usage. Alternative pronunciations are included. The dictionary uses Canadian spelling and reflects the Canadian cultural mosaic. Particular attention is given to Aboriginal people, including Métis and Inuit. Current lexical items have been added to reflect technological, social, and political developments (e.g., diskette, rollerblades, clear-cut, Nunavut). In addition, this resource provides a guide to the dictionary, including information on spelling, pronunciation, parts of speech, and idioms. The appendices provide tables, charts, and lists such as an air quality index, weather scales, the biological classification of animals and plants, a comparative table of alphabets, a periodic table of elements, a geological time chart, a list of major currencies, and a table of measures.

Audience: *General*

Category: *Student, Teacher Resource*



Gage Canadian Thesaurus

General Description: This thesaurus is distinctly Canadian. Entries are generally sensitive to cultural issues and peoples and are clearly cross-referenced. The resource represents Aboriginal people both as a main entry and in an appendix that features a word list of Aboriginal groups in Canada. The word lists in the appendices are extensive and well-organized. This resource is also available in other formats. Please contact the publisher directly.

Audience: *General*

Category: *Student, Teacher Resource*

Curriculum Organizer(s): *Communicate Ideas and Information*

Supplier: *Gage Educational Publishing Co. (Scarborough)*
164 Commander Boulevard
Scarborough, ON
M1S 3C7

Tel: 1-800-667-1115 Fax: (416) 293-9009

Price: \$29.95

ISBN/Order No: 0-7715-1981-8

Copyright Year: 1998

Year Recommended for Grade Collection: 2001

Curriculum Organizer(s): *Communicate Ideas and Information*

Supplier: *Gage Educational Publishing Co. (Scarborough)*
164 Commander Boulevard
Scarborough, ON
M1S 3C7

Tel: 1-800-667-1115 Fax: (416) 293-9009

Price: \$14.95

ISBN/Order No: 0-7715-1985-0

Copyright Year: 1998

Year Recommended for Grade Collection: 2001

English Language Arts Grade 8 Additional Resources



Language Arts Survival Guide: Over 1500 Tips for

General Description: This comprehensive Canadian reference package contains a learner-centred, easily accessible student book and a support book for the teacher. In the student book, information is presented in a visually appealing format that promotes effective communication. Topics include various forms of writing as well as reading, oracy, viewing, researching, grammar, and language conventions. The accompanying teacher's reference handbook contains rich extension activities and mini-lessons, along with suggestions for scaffolding student learning.

Audience: *General*

Category: *Student, Teacher Resource*

Curriculum Organizer(s): *Communicate Ideas
Comprehend and Respond
Self and Society*

Supplier: *Pearson Education Canada*
26 Prince Andrew Place
Don Mills, ON
M3C 2T8

Tel: 1-800-361-6128 Fax: (416) 447-2551

Price: Text: \$29.95
Language Arts Teacher's Survival Guide: \$10.95

ISBN/Order No: Text: 0-13-624354-1
Language Arts Teacher's Survival Guide:
0-13-624397-5

Copyright Year: 1996

Year Recommended for Grade Collection: 2001



The Nelson Canadian Dictionary of the English

General Description: Developed from a distinctly Canadian perspective, this dictionary provides clear, succinct, accurate, and user-friendly definitions of over 150,000 entries. Numerous interesting and useful illustrations, photographs, maps, and tables support the definitions. High-quality coloured world maps, etymological overviews, effective graphics, and clear, comprehensive overviews of Canada's courts, governments, geography, constitution, and place in the world complete this useful reference book. Of particular note is the information relating to Canada's Aboriginal population.

Audience: *General*

Category: *Student, Teacher Resource*

Curriculum Organizer(s): *Communicate Ideas and Information*

Supplier: *Nelson Thomson Learning*
1120 Birchmount Road
Scarborough, ON
M1K 5G4

Tel: 1-800-268-2222 Fax: (416) 752-8101

Price: \$34.95

ISBN/Order No: 0-17-604726-3

Copyright Year: 1998

Year Recommended for Grade Collection: 2001

English Language Arts Grade 8 Additional Resources



Nelson Language and Writing 8

Author(s): Kamann, M.

General Description: This multipurpose resource comprising a student text and teacher's resource, connects spelling and vocabulary development, grammar, usage and style, and mechanics through the writing process. The colourful student text combines multi-genre reading selections, mini-lessons, practice exercises, and skill development activities. The resource provides for flexibility for many assignments, promotes groupwork, and focusses on engaging students in authentic activities.

Audience: *General*

Gifted - opportunities for extension

LD - provides strategies

ESL - provides strategies

Category: *Student, Teacher Resource*

Curriculum Organizer(s): *Communicate Ideas and Information*

Supplier: *Nelson Thomson Learning*

1120 Birchmount Road

Scarborough, ON

M1K 5G4

Tel: 1-800-268-2222 Fax: (416) 752-8101

Price: Student Text: \$15.95

Teacher's Resource: \$45.95

ISBN/Order No: Student Text: 0176065725

Teacher's Resource: 0176065733

Copyright Year: 1998

Year Recommended for Grade Collection: 2001



On Common Ground

Author(s): *George, Jerry ... (et al.)*

General Description: This resource package consists of three softcover anthologies each with an accompanying teacher's resource book. The selections are from a wide range of sources, traditional and contemporary, and in a variety of fictional and non-fictional forms. They encourage active reading and response. Each anthology has four thematic sections: *The Me You See*, *On The Inside*, *Side By Side*, and *Our World*. The Canadian content is strong. The teacher's resource books provide a range of flexible and practical strategies to assess and evaluate students' progress.

Caution: *In all 3 anthologies there are some selections that evoke strong emotions and raise ethical issues that require teacher mediation.*

Suggestions for dealing with sensitive issues are included in the teacher's resource guide.

Some selections in Book 3 contain blasphemy and mild profanity.

Audience: *General*

Category: *Student, Teacher Resource*

Curriculum Organizer(s): *Self and Society*

Communicate Ideas and Information

Comprehend and Respond

Supplier: *Oxford University Press (Ontario)*

70 Wynford Drive

Don Mills, ON

M3C 1J9

Tel: 1-800-387-8020 Fax: (416) 441-0345

Price: Student Anthology: \$21.96

Teacher's Resource: \$25.00

ISBN/Order No: Student Anthology: Not available

Teacher's Resource: Not available

Copyright Year: 1995

Year Recommended for Grade Collection: 2001

English Language Arts Grade 8 Additional Resources



ResourceLines 7/8

General Description: This resource, designed for both teacher-directed instruction and independent student work, contains strategies for learning and using all six language arts processes in authentic contexts. It also includes a chapter on research and a language handbook that addresses usage, grammar, spelling, and style. This resource is part of the *Sightlines Program*, but can be used independently. If used independently it will need to be supplemented with additional literature.

Audience: *General*

Gifted - opportunities for extension

Category: *Student, Teacher Resource*

Curriculum Organizer(s): *Communicate Ideas and Information, Comprehend and Respond, Self and Society*

Supplier: *Pearson Education Canada*
26 Prince Andrew Place
Don Mills, ON
M3C 2T8

Tel: 1-800-361-6128 Fax: (416) 447-2551

Price: \$19.95

ISBN/Order No: 0-13-012918-6

Copyright Year: 1999

Year Recommended for Grade Collection: 2001



Speak for Yourself

Author(s): *Jeroski, Sharon; Fisher, David; MacIntosh, Patricia*

General Description: This resource package consists of a 237-page softcover student text and a 108-page softcover teacher's guide. The student book is a collection of ideas, articles, and classroom activities addressing critical thinking, speaking, and listening. Teachers will be able to choose from numerous engaging student activities that introduce and develop such skills as active listening, co-operative learning, debate, notetaking, and public speaking. Many of the articles, poems, and excerpts are Canadian.

The teacher's guide contains further information on the five major units in the student text as well as lists of additional print and video resources. The guide is not essential to the use of the student book.

Audience: *General*

ESL - speaking activities in small groups

Gifted - opportunities for critical thinking

LD - speech and mime as alternative forms of expression

Category: *Student, Teacher Resource*

Curriculum Organizer(s): *Communicate and Respond, Comprehend and Respond, Self and Society*

Supplier: *Nelson Canada - Library Division*
1120 Birchmount Road
Scarborough, ON
M1K 5G4

Tel: (416) 752-9100 (ext 261) Fax: (416) 752-9646

Price: Student Text: \$16.95
Teacher's Guide: Not available

ISBN/Order No: Student Text: 0-17-603091-3
Teacher's Guide: 0-17-603092-1

Copyright Year: 1991

Year Recommended for Grade Collection: 2001

English Language Arts Grade 8 Additional Resources



Writers Express: A Handbook for Young Writers, Thinkers,

General Description: This handbook supports the development of student reading, writing, and oral expression. It is divided into four parts *The Process of Writing*, *The Tools of Learning*, *The Forms of Writing*, and *The Proofreader's Guide*. Each part provides strategies, techniques, and student models. Topics are dealt with in a concise manner. The handbook contains a table of contents, a preface, and an index. The introduction to each unit in the accompanying teacher's guides makes links to topics in this student handbook.

Audience: *General*

Category: *Student, Teacher Resource*

Curriculum Organizer(s): *Communicate Ideas and Information*

Supplier: *Nelson Thomson Learning*
1120 Birchmount Road
Scarborough, ON
M1K 5G4

Tel: 1-800-268-2222 Fax: (416) 752-8101

Price: \$17.95

ISBN/Order No: 0-17-607458-9

Copyright Year: 1998

Year Recommended for Grade Collection: 2001