

LANGUAGE ARTS 8B

This course incorporates grammar and literature with basic skill areas such as: reading, science, spelling and social studies. The activities encourage critical thinking and the development of comprehension skills.

Unit 6 – The Diary

A diary is provided for the student. The students are encouraged to write entries in their diaries everyday. Although suggested writing topics are provided, the diary can consist of any personal thought.

Unit 7 - Spelling

This unit includes the study of prefixes and suffixes along with spelling words.

Unit 8 – Capitalization and Punctuation

This unit introduces an autobiography of Helen Keller. The vocabulary taken from the autobiography is used in several ways to promote vocabulary development and word meaning. This unit is devoted to capitalization and punctuation. The student is asked to write an autobiography.

Unit 9 – Reading Skills

This unit is devoted to inference, predicting, summarization, and fact or opinion. It also includes selections on Native Americans.

Unit 10 – Dictionary Skills

This unit is devoted to dictionary skills, including alphabetical order, syllables, guide word, and multiple meaning words. It also covers using a thesaurus, an index, the encyclopedia, the handbook, and figurative language. It includes a selection on Christopher Columbus.