

PLANNING CALENDAR/SEPTEMBER 2009—MAY 2010

MONTH	THEMES & STORIES
SEPTEMBER:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> Readers Theater Play • Hispanic Heritage Month • Comedy Writing • True Teen Story • <i>Fame</i> Readers Theater Play • Memoir Excerpt • Teen Entrepreneurs
OCTOBER:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrities Give Back • Biography Roundup • Edgar Allan Poe • Teen Read Week • <i>Amelia</i> Readers Theater Play (story of Amelia Earhart) • Bullies: Online and Off
NOVEMBER:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Twelfth Night</i> Readers Theater Play • Native American History Month • National Authors Day • Veterans Day: Wars and Literature • <i>Sherlock Holmes</i> Readers Theater Play
DECEMBER:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Star Trek</i> Readers Theater Play • Mystery Writing • Cool Careers • Teen Volunteers • Poetry of the Harlem Renaissance • Contemporary Fiction Excerpt
JANUARY:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. • <i>Avatar</i> Readers Theater Play • Football Grammar Challenge • Walter Dean Myers • <i>Nottingham</i> Readers Theater Play • Journal Writing
FEBRUARY:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black History Month • Classic Readers Theater Play • Cyber Safety • Marching Bands • Descriptive Writing • Intrepid Teens Past and Present
MARCH:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's History Month • Basketball Grammar Challenge • Anne Frank • <i>The Tempest</i> Readers Theater Play • <i>Alice in Wonderland</i> Readers Theater Play
APRIL:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Day • Poetry Month • Writing Reviews • Mark Twain's 100th Anniversary • Power of the Pen: Literature of Social Change • Student Writing • The Economy for Teens
MAY:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholastic Art & Writing Awards • Teen Farmers • <i>Iron Man 2</i> Readers Theater Play • Asian Pacific American Heritage Month • Summer Reading • Keeping a Journal

*Note: Features are subject to change. Not all features and skills are included in this editorial calendar.

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SKILLS COVERED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

CRITICAL THINKING

- Predicting
- Making inferences
- Questioning skills
- Analyzing informational texts
- Drawing conclusions
- Forming an opinion
- Making judgments
- Identifying conflict and resolution
- Fact versus opinion
- Reflecting
- Interpreting
- Text-to-self
- Analyzing plot, setting, character, and tone
- Sequencing
- Text-to-self

READING

- Reading comprehension
- Author's purpose
- Using context clues
- Variety of reading genres
- Main idea and supporting details
- Point of view
- Vocabulary and etymology
- Imagery
- Cross-cultural awareness
- Figurative language
- Evaluating evidence
- Cause and effect
- Compare and contrast
- Identifying themes
- Plot and subplot
- Identifying literary devices

WRITING

- Narrative writing
- Short and long essays
- Descriptive writing
- Expository writing
- Journal writing
- Paragraph writing
- Persuasive writing
- Autobiographical writing
- Letter writing
- Comic strip writing
- Fiction
- Nonfiction
- Opinion pieces
- Poetry
- Grammar and editing
- Book, music, and movie reviews

NCTE & IRA STANDARDS

1. Range of materials.
2. Range of literary works.
3. Range of reading strategies.
4. Adjust use of language to communicate effectively.
5. Range of writing strategies.
6. Knowledge of language conventions.
7. Conduct research, gather data, and communicate findings.
8. Students use a variety of technology and information resources.
9. Understand and respect diversity of language use across cultures.
10. English-language learners use their first language for English fluency.
11. Participate as reflective, creative members of literacy community.
12. Use written language to achieve own goals.