Benchmark Skills Lists

Benchmark 1:

Skills for ALL STUDENTS

Literary Terms:

Conflict (general)

Central conflict

Narrator

Plot

Exposition

Rising action

Climax

Falling action

Point of View

1st person point of view

2nd person point of view

3d person point of view limited vs omniscient

Figurative Language (general)

Metaphor

Simile

Personification

Hyperbole

Imagery

Onomatopoeia

Skills:

Making inferences

Reading comprehension

Identifying off-topic statements

Specific evidence vs unspecific evidence (good vs bad)

Author’s claim

Author’s purpose

Organization of ideas

Identification of a speaker

Fact vs opinion

Writing

Thesis statement

Topic sentence

Supporting details

Conclusion

RACE responses

Grammar / Conventions

Synonyms

Antonyms

Connotation

Denotation

Vocabulary in Context

MLA formatting / Rules and standards

Word clues 1