

2016-2017 Middle School 8th Grade Chinese Language Arts Curriculum Map

The following are general topic areas and intended timelines for instruction. The topics and resources listed are only samples, not a complete listing. Topics are listed in the month they are most likely to be taught, but may occur earlier or later than indicated.

Month	Culture Focus	Language Focus				Text
		Listening	Speaking	Reading	Writing & Grammar	
September	Social ethnics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Understand and follow the directionsComprehend the main content of a storyRecognize speaker's background and role through conversation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Participate productively in group discussionsProvide comment and suggestions to peersPast narration in paragraphsDescribe about the community you live	<ul style="list-style-type: none">NarrationShort stories	<ul style="list-style-type: none">FlashbackExpressing emotion in narrationPunctuation	Open And Close
October	Protecting the environment					A Special Funeral
November	Community					Living By The Lake
December	The history of Chinese stone lions and its role in Chinese culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Comprehend the description about a traditional Chinese valueUnderstand the Chinese culture through classical stories	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Speech: If I Am The President Of YA Student LifeHypothesisRecite classical Chinese story	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Expository essayClassical ChineseChinese idioms, sayings, and Xie Hou Yu	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Expository writingInterpreting classical ChineseRewrite ending for stories	The Stone Lion
January	The ancient Chinese scholar's ideal society					The Peach Blossom Spring
February						
March	The concept and elements of a debate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Understand speaker's point and argument in a debateComprehend different wording methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Present opinion with arguments in extended discourseDebate about a complicated topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Argumentative essaysDebates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Argumentative writingDebate speechParallelism	Debate
April	Say the right words at the right time					The Language Expression Skills
May	The Language skills and a good communication					Good Words Can Warm Up The Cold Winter
June	Incorporating Chinese culture in real life					Review