

Virginia Arts Education Curriculum Matrix for English Language Arts

Virginia English Strands/Standards of Learning (SOL) Grade 8	National Essential Skills Study (NESS) Rankings	SOL Assessment	Visual Arts	Dance	Music	Theatre
a.) Identify simile, metaphor, personification, hyperbole, and analogy.	E37 E38	M	✓	✓	✓	✓
b.) Use context, structure, and connotations to determine meaning of words and phrases.	E5	M	✓	✓	✓	✓
a.) Explain the use of symbols and figurative language.	E37 R38	H	✓	✓	✓	✓
b.) Describe inferred main ideas or themes, using evidence from the text as support.	E2 E26 E37	H	✓	✓	✓	✓
c.) Describe how authors use characters, conflict, point of view, and tone to create meaning.	E37	L				
d.) Compare and contrast the use of the poetic elements of word choice, dialogue, form, rhyme, rhythm, and voice.	E37 E44	L				
e.) Compare and contrast authors' styles.	E24					
a.) Draw on background knowledge and knowledge of text structure to understand selections.	E12 E23	L				
b.) Analyze the author's credentials, viewpoint, and impact.	E13	H	✓	✓	✓	✓
c.) Analyze the author's use of text structure and word choice.	E30 E37	H	✓	✓	✓	✓
d.) Analyze details for relevance and accuracy.	E13	H	✓	✓	✓	✓