DIGITAL THEATRE+

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for English Language Arts

Very high	DT+ is the only resource you need to teach this standard.	High	DT+ can be your primary resource when teaching this standard.
Medium	DT+ will be one of a number of resources used to fully cover the teaching of this standard.	Low	DT+ has content for this standard and it will be used to supplement your primary resources.

ENGLISH I

Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, discussion, and thinking--oral language, vocabulary, self-sustained reading

	Standards	Strength
(2) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinkingvocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. The student is expected to:	 (A) use print or digital resources such as glossaries or technical dictionaries to clarify and validate understanding of the precise and appropriate meaning of technical or discipline-based vocabulary; 	Low
	(B) analyze context to distinguish between the denotative and connotative meanings of words; and	Medium
	(C) determine the meaning of foreign words or phrases used frequently in English such as bona fide, caveat, carte blanche, tête-à-tête, bon appétit, and quid pro quo.	Low
(3) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinkingself-sustained reading. The student reads grade-appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to self-select text and read independently for a sustained period of time.	(3) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinkingself-sustained reading. The student reads grade-appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to self-select text and read independently for a sustained period of time.	Low

Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts.

	Standards	Strength
(4) Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student	(A) establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts;	Medium
	(B) generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information;	High
uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen	(C) make and correct or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre, and structures;	High
comprehension of increasingly complex texts. The student is expected to:	(D) create mental images to deepen understanding;	Medium
	(E) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society;	High
	(F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;	High
	(G) evaluate details read to determine key ideas;	Hlgh
	(H) synthesize information from two texts to create new understanding; and	Medium-High
	(I) monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, asking questions, and annotating when understanding breaks down.	Medium

Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts

	Standards	Strength
(5) Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an	(A) describe personal connections to a variety of sources, including self-selected texts;	High
	(B) write responses that demonstrate understanding of texts, including comparing texts within and across genres;	Low
increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected	(C) use text evidence and original commentary to support a comprehensive response;	High
to:	(D) paraphrase and summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order;	Medium
	 (E) interact with sources in meaningful ways such as notetaking, annotating, freewriting, or illustrating; 	Medium-High
	(F) respond using acquired content and academic vocabulary as appropriate;	High
	(G) discuss and write about the explicit or implicit meanings of text;	Medium
	(H) respond orally or in writing with appropriate register, vocabulary, tone, and voice;	Medium
	(I) reflect on and adjust responses when valid evidence warrants; and	Medium
	(J) defend or challenge the authors' claims using relevant text evidence.	Medium-High

Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--literary elements, specific characteristics

	Standards	Strength
(6) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and	(A) analyze how themes are developed through characterization and plot in a variety of literary texts;	Very High
thinking using multiple texts literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary	(B) analyze how authors develop complex yet believable characters in works of fiction through a range of literary devices, including character foils;	Very High
elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. The student is expected to:	(C) analyze non-linear plot development such as flashbacks, foreshadowing, subplots, and parallel plot structures and compare it to linear plot development; and	Very High
	(D) analyze how the setting influences the theme.	Very High

Strength

(7) Multiple genres: listening,	(A) read and respond to American, British, and world literature;	Medium-High
speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts genres. The student recognizes	(C) analyze the function of dramatic conventions such as asides, soliloquies, dramatic irony, and satire;	Very High
and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across	(F) analyze characteristics of multimodal and digital texts.	Low
increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. The student is		
expected to:		

Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts.

	Standards	Strength
(8) Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading,	(A) analyze the author's purpose, audience, and message within a text;	High
writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses	(B) analyze use of text structure to achieve the author's purpose;	High
critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:	(C) evaluate the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;	Medium
	(D) analyze how the author's use of language achieves specific purposes;	High-Very High
	(E) analyze the use of literary devices such as irony and oxymoron to achieve specific purposes;	High
	(F) analyze how the author's diction and syntax contribute to the mood, voice, and tone of a text; and	High
	(G) explain the purpose of rhetorical devices such as understatement and overstatement and the effect of logical fallacies such as straw man and red herring arguments.	Medium

ENGLISH II

Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, discussion, and thinking--oral language, vocabulary, self-sustained reading

	Standards	Strength
(2) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading,	 (A) use print or digital resources such as glossaries or technical dictionaries to clarify and validate understanding of the precise and appropriate meaning of technical or discipline-based vocabulary; 	Low
writing, and thinkingvocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. The student is expected to:	(B) analyze context to distinguish among denotative, connotative, and figurative meanings of words; and	Medium
	(C) determine the meaning of foreign words or phrases used frequently in English such as pas de deux, status quo, déjà vu, avant- garde, and coup d'état.	Low

	Standards	Strength
(3) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinkingself- sustained reading. The student reads grade-appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to self-select text and read independently for a sustained period of time.	(3) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinkingself-sustained reading. The student reads grade-appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to self-select text and read independently for a sustained period of time.	Low

Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts.

	Standards	Strength
(4) Comprehension skills:	(A) establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts;	Medium
listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student	(B) generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information;	High
uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen	(C) make and correct or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre, and structures;	High
comprehension of increasingly complex texts. The student is	(D) create mental images to deepen understanding;	Medium
expected to:	(E) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society;	High
	(F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;	High
	(G) evaluate details read to determine key ideas;	Hlgh
	(H) synthesize information from multiple texts to create new understanding; and	Medium-High
	(I) monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, asking questions, and annotating when understanding breaks down.	Medium

Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts

	Standards	Strength
(5) Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an	(A) describe personal connections to a variety of sources, including self-selected texts;	High
	(B) write responses that demonstrate understanding of texts, including comparing texts within and across genres;	Low
increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected	(C) use text evidence and original commentary to support an interpretive response;	High
to:	(D) paraphrase and summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order;	Medium
	(E) interact with sources in meaningful ways such as notetaking, annotating, freewriting, or illustrating;	Medium-High
	(F) respond using acquired content and academic vocabulary as appropriate;	High
	(G) discuss and write about the explicit or implicit meanings of text;	Medium
	(H) respond orally or in writing with appropriate register, vocabulary, tone, and voice;	Medium
	(I) reflect on and adjust responses when valid evidence warrants; and	Medium
	(J) defend or challenge the authors' claims using relevant text evidence.	Medium-High

Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--literary elements, specific characteristics

	Standards	Strength
(6) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts	(A) analyze how themes are developed through characterization and plot, including comparing similar themes in a variety of literary texts representing different cultures;	Very High
literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across	 (B) analyze how authors develop complex yet believable characters, including archetypes, through historical and cultural settings and events; 	Very High
increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. The student	(C) analyze isolated scenes and their contribution to the success of the plot as a whole; and	Very High
is expected to:	(D) analyze how historical and cultural settings influence characterization, plot, and theme across texts.	Very High

	Standards	Strength
(7) Multiple genres: listening,	(A) read and analyze world literature across literary periods;	Medium-High
speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts genres. The student recognizes	(C) analyze the function of dramatic conventions such as asides, soliloquies, dramatic irony, and satire;	Very High
genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. The student is expected to:	(F) analyze characteristics of multimodal and digital texts.	Low

Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts.

	Standards	Strength
(8) Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:	(A) analyze the author's purpose, audience, and message within a text;	High
	(B) analyze use of text structure to achieve the author's purpose;	High
	(C) evaluate the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;	Medium
	(D) analyze how the author's use of language informs and shapes the perception of readers;	High-Very High
	(E) analyze the use of literary devices such as irony, sarcasm, and motif to achieve specific purposes;	High
	(F) analyze how the author's diction and syntax contribute to the mood, voice, and tone of a text; and	High
	(G) analyze the purpose of rhetorical devices such as appeals, antithesis, parallelism, and shifts and the effects of logical fallacies.	Medium

ENGLISH III

Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, discussion, and thinking--oral language, vocabulary, self-sustained reading

	Standards	Strength
(2) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinkingvocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. The student is expected to:	(A) use print or digital resources to clarify and validate understanding of multiple meanings of advanced vocabulary;	Medium
	(B) analyze context to draw conclusions about nuanced meanings such as in imagery; and	High
	(C) determine the meaning of foreign words or phrases used frequently in English such as ad hoc, faux pas, non sequitur, and modus operandi.	Low

	Standards	Strength
(3) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinkingself- sustained reading. The student reads grade-appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to self-select text and read independently for a sustained period of time.	(3) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinkingself-sustained reading. The student reads grade-appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to self-select text and read independently for a sustained period of time.	Low

Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts.

	Standards	Strength
(4) Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. The student is expected to:	(A) establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts;	Medium
	(B) generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information;	High
	(C) make and correct or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre, and structures;	High
	(D) create mental images to deepen understanding;	Medium
	(E) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society;	High
	(F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;	High
	(G) evaluate details read to understand key ideas;	Hlgh
	(H) synthesize information from a variety of text types to create new understanding; and	Medium-High
	(I) monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, asking questions, annotating, and using outside sources when understanding breaks down.	Medium

Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts

	Standards	Strength
(5) Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and	(A) describe personal connections to a variety of sources, including self-selected texts;	High
thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:	(B) write responses that demonstrate analysis of texts, including comparing texts within and across genres;	Low
	(C) use text evidence and original commentary to support an analytic response;	High
	(D) paraphrase and summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order;	Medium
	 (E) interact with sources in meaningful ways such as notetaking, annotating, freewriting, or illustrating; 	Medium-High
	(F) respond using acquired content and academic vocabulary as appropriate;	High
	(G) discuss and write about the explicit and implicit meanings of text;	Medium
	(H) respond orally or in writing with appropriate register and effective vocabulary, tone, and voice;	Medium
	(I) reflect on and adjust responses when valid evidence warrants; and	Medium
	(J) defend or challenge the authors' claims using relevant text evidence.	Medium-High

Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--literary elements, specific characteristics

	Standards	Strength
(6) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. The student is expected to:	(A) analyze relationships among thematic development, characterization, point of view, significance of setting, and plot in a variety of literary texts;	Very High
	(B) analyze how characters' behaviors and underlying motivations contribute to moral dilemmas that influence the plot and theme;	Very High
	(C) evaluate how different literary elements shape the author's portrayal of the plot; and	Very High
	(D) analyze how the historical, social, and economic context of setting(s) influences the plot, characterization, and theme.	Very High

	Standards	Strength
(7) Multiple genres: listening,	(A) read and analyze American literature across literary periods;	Medium-High
speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts genres. The student recognizes	(C) analyze how the relationships among dramatic elements advance the plot;	Very High
and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across	(F) analyze the effectiveness of characteristics of multimodal and digital texts.	Low
increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. The student is expected to:		

Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts.

	Standards	Strength
(8) Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:	(A) analyze the author's purpose, audience, and message within a text;	High
	(B) evaluate use of text structure to achieve the author's purpose;	High
	(C) evaluate the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;	Medium
	(D) evaluate how the author's use of language informs and shapes the perception of readers;	High-Very High
	(E) evaluate the use of literary devices such as paradox, satire, and allegory to achieve specific purposes;	High
	(F) evaluate how the author's diction and syntax contribute to the mood, voice, and tone of a text; and	High
	(G) analyze the effects of rhetorical devices and logical fallacies on the way the text is read and understood.	Medium

ENGLISH IV

Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, discussion, and thinking--oral language, vocabulary, self-sustained reading

	Standards	Strength
(2) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinkingvocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. The student is expected to:	(A) use print or digital resources to clarify and validate understanding of multiple meanings of advanced vocabulary;	Medium
	(B) analyze context to draw conclusions about nuanced meanings such as in imagery; and	High
	(C) determine the meaning of foreign words or phrases used frequently in English such as ad nauseum, in loco parentis, laissez-faire, and caveat emptor.	Low

	Standards	Strength
(3) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinkingself- sustained reading. The student reads grade-appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to self-select text and read independently for a sustained period of time.	(3) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinkingself-sustained reading. The student reads grade-appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to self-select text and read independently for a sustained period of time.	Low

Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts.

	Standards	Strength
(4) Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. The student is expected to:	(A) establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts;	Medium
	(B) generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information;	High
	(C) make and correct or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre, and structures;	High
	(D) create mental images to deepen understanding;	Medium
	(E) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society;	High
	(F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;	High
	(G) evaluate details read to analyze key ideas;	Hlgh
	(H) synthesize information from a variety of text types to create new understanding; and	Medium-High
	(I) monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, asking questions, annotating, and using outside sources when understanding breaks down	Medium

Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts

	Standards	Strength
(5) Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:	(A) describe personal connections to a variety of sources, including self-selected texts;	High
	(B) write responses that demonstrate analysis of texts, including comparing texts within and across genres;	Low
	(C) use text evidence and original commentary to support an evaluative response;	High
	(D) paraphrase and summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order;	Medium
	(E) interact with sources in meaningful ways such as notetaking, annotating, freewriting, or illustrating;	Medium-High
	(F) respond using acquired content and academic vocabulary as appropriate;	High
	(G) discuss and write about the explicit and implicit meanings of text;	Medium
	(H) respond orally or in writing with appropriate register and purposeful vocabulary, tone, and voice;	Medium
	(I) reflect on and adjust responses when valid evidence warrants; and	Medium
	(J) defend or challenge the authors' claims using relevant text evidence	Medium-High

Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--literary elements, specific characteristics

	Standards	Strength
(6) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. The student is expected to:	(A) analyze relationships among thematic development, characterization, point of view, significance of setting, and plot in a variety of literary texts;	Very High
	(B) analyze how characters' behaviors and underlying motivations contribute to moral dilemmas that influence the plot and theme;	Very High
	(C) critique and evaluate how complex plot structures such as subplots contribute to and advance the action; and	Very High
	(D) evaluate how the historical, social, and economic context of setting(s) influences the plot, characterization, and theme.	Very High

	Standards	Strength
(7) Multiple genres: listening,	(A) read and analyze British literature across literary periods;	Medium-High
speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across	(C) analyze and evaluate how the relationships among the dramatic elements advance the plot;	Very High
	(F) critique and evaluate the effectiveness of characteristics of multimodal and digital texts.	Low
increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. The student is expected to:		

Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts.

	Standards	Strength
(8) Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:	(A) evaluate the author's purpose, audience, and message within a text;	High
	(B) evaluate use of text structure to achieve the author's purpose;	High
	(C) evaluate the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;	Medium
	(D) critique and evaluate how the author's use of language informs and shapes the perception of readers;	High-Very High
	(E) evaluate the use of literary devices such as paradox, satire, and allegory to achieve specific purposes;	High
	(F) evaluate how the author's diction and syntax contribute to the effectiveness of a text; and	High
	(G) analyze the effects of rhetorical devices and logical fallacies on the way the text is read and understood.	Medium