9th Grade Essential Skills	Essential Standards	9th Grade Mastery End
Read critically to evaluate writer's message and/or rhetorical or literary choices	9.RC.2.RF: Determine how a central idea and/or theme is developed over the course of a text, identifying which supporting details most contribute to the development of a central theme and/or idea.	 Identify Literary Devices Development over the course of a text Introduce Text Annotations Analyze the development of theme through the course of a story Provide Text Evidence
	9.RC.3.RF: Cite text evidence that most strongly and thoroughly supports an analysis of what a text states, using background knowledge to justify inferences drawn from the text.	
	9.RC.10.RL: Identify a theme in an original, adapted, or modernized drama, poem, folktale, or story from Arkansas or regional literature, explaining its historical and/or contemporary significance.	
	9.RC.11.RI: Analyze how an author introduces and develops a central individual, event, or idea through description and sequencing.	
WRITING Effectively write short compositions and more substantial essays across a variety of genres.	9.W.1.S: Write a provable claim/thesis supported by credible sources 9.W.4.P: Construct clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience:	 Follow an organized format for writing Write in third person Incorporate context and explanation/analysis into writing
SPEAKING & LISTENING Actively participate in discussions of academic or social consequence.	9.CC.2.SLC: Come to discussions prepared, citing researched evidence on the topic, text, or issue, and responding appropriately.	 Participate appropriately in whole group and small group discussions Discuss and analyze between different sources of reading
	9.CC.4.SLC:	

	Summarize points of agreement and/or disagreement from various perspectives, justifying one's understanding of evidence and reasoning presented.	
RESEARCH Conduct research using a range of available print and electronic resources and use findings in reading, writing and oral communication. Evaluate the credibility of your own ideas and the ideas of others, including those expressed in print and multimedia content.	9.W.14.R: Assess the credibility, accuracy, and usefulness of sources, using a scholarly database when appropriate. 9.W.15.R: Paraphrase and/or embed select quotations to maintain the flow of ideas, crediting sources and/or authors and avoiding plagiarism. 9.W.16.R: Follow a standard citation format, including both in-text citations and a works cited or bibliography.	 Verify credible sources Recognize bias Embed quotations as evidence and incorporate in-text citations
LANGUAGE Conform to conventions of standard English.	9.L.6.S: Produce compound-complex sentences, using dependent clauses, subordinating conjunctions, conjunctive adverbs, correlative conjunctions, and coordinating conjunctions. 9.L.10.C: Set off restrictive, nonrestrictive, and parenthetical elements, using commas, parentheses, and dashes.	 Types of Sentences Simple Compound Complex Commas Review Basic Grammar Capitalization Punctuation