

<b>Arkansas English Language Arts Strands/Standards/Expectations Grade 8</b>	<b>National Essential Skills Study (NESS)</b>	<b>2008 Benchmark Exam</b>	<b>Visual Arts</b>	<b>Dance</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>Theatre</b>
<b>Determining Importance</b>						
R.9.8.14 Classify and organize information from more than one text, based on purpose and/or level of importance	E35	M	✓	✓	✓	✓
R.9.8.15 Identify main ideas and supporting evidence in short stories and novels	E2	H	✓	✓	✓	✓
R.9.8.16 Use the <i>text features</i> to locate and recall information, with emphasis on text organizers	E12	L				
R.9.8.17 Determine text structure(s) to enhance understanding	E12	L				
R.9.8.18 Organize information, including simple outlining	E2	L				
R.9.8.19 Use skimming, scanning, note-taking, outlining, and questioning as study strategies	E2 E25	M	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Summarizing and Synthesizing</b>						
R.9.8.20 Synthesize information from multiple texts and provide evidence to support	E24 E35	L				
<b>Evaluating</b>						
R.9.8.21 Evaluate conflicts, motivations, points of view, and changes that affect the plot or theme	E37	H	✓	✓	✓	✓
R.9.8.22 Evaluate personal, social, and political issues as presented in text	E23	L				