

# ELA Alternate 1 Essential Elements- High School Curriculum Map



## 1st Quarter

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- b. Work with adults and peers to set rules for discussions.

EE. SL.9.5- Use digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to support understanding.

EE.SL.9.6- Adapt communication to a variety of contexts and tasks using complete sentences when indicated or appropriate.

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- b. Spell most single-syllable words correctly and apply knowledge of word chunks in spelling longer words.

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- a. Vary syntax when writing and communicating.
- EE.L.9.4- Demonstrate knowledge of word meanings.
- a. Use context to determine the meaning of unknown word.
  - b. Identify and use root words and the words that result when affixes are added or removed.
  - c. Consult reference materials (dictionaries, online vocabulary supports) to clarify the meaning of unfamiliar words encountered when reading.

EE.L.9.5- Demonstrate understanding of word relationships and use.

- a. Interpret common figures of speech.
- b. Determine the intended meaning of multiple meaning words.

EE.L.9.6- Use general academic and domain-specific words and phrases across contexts.