| Common Core | Middle School Must Haves |
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| Language  Conventions of Standard English  CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.8.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.  CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.8.1a Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.  CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.8.1b Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.  CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.8.1c Form and use verbs in the indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional, and subjunctive mood.  CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.8.1d Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.\*  CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.8.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.  CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.8.2a Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.  CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.8.2b Use an ellipsis to indicate an omission.  CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.8.2c Spell correctly.  Knowledge of Language  CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.8.3 Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.  CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.8.3a Use verbs in the active and passive voice and in the conditional and subjunctive mood to achieve particular effects (e.g., emphasizing the actor or the action; expressing uncertainty or describing a state contrary to fact). | Language  I will be able to:  Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.  Demonstrate what is necessary for a complete coherent sentence.  Know and Understand the difference between declarative, imperative, interrogative, and exclamatory sentences.  Know and understand what an independent and dependent clause is.  Demonstrate the knowledge that verbs can have action or be a state of being.    Demonstrate the ability to identify the main subject and the main verb.  Know and identify linking verbs. |