**8th Grade ELA Power Standards**

**Semester 1**

***RI81*** *Cite text evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text (nonfiction)*

***RI82*** *Determine a central idea of a text; analyze its development (supporting ideas); provide an objective summary of the text*

***W87*** *Conduct research projects to answer a question*

***W88*** *Gather relevant information (research) from a variety of reliable sources*

**Semester 2**

***RL81*** *Cite text evidence (fiction)*

***RL82*** *Identify the theme of a text; analyze its development through story elements (characters, setting, plot)*

***RI88*** *Evaluate an argument (specific claims, sound reasoning, relevant evidence)*

***W81*** *Write an argument to support claim(s) with clear reasons and relevant evidence*

***SL84*** *Present claim(s) and support with relevant evidence and sound valid reasoning; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation*