

Nebraska English Language Arts Standards Correlated to Merit Software Reading Comprehension Intermediate Programs

Objective	Expectations	Merit Software
<p>By the end of the eighth grade, students will identify and apply knowledge of the structure, elements, and literary techniques to analyze fiction.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the structure (beginning, middle, end). • Identify and analyze the elements (characters, setting, plot, conflict, and point of view). • Identify the literary techniques (foreshadowing, simile, metaphor, personification, idioms, oxymorons, onomatopoeia, alliteration, hyperbole). • Describe how character traits determine resolution of the conflict. • Identify directly stated themes in literature. 	<p>Developing Critical Thinking Skills for Effective Reading</p> <p>Accu-Reading</p> <p>Reading Shape-Up</p>