

## **Eighth Grade Language Arts**

allusion (define concept with simple illustrations)  
antecedent\* (pronoun/antecedent agreement)  
bias  
clincher sentence  
coherent order  
composition structure (structural patterns in composition)  
cross-reference  
debate  
derivation  
dramatization  
elaboration (supportive details)  
facilitator (role identification/groups)  
gerund and gerund phrase  
infer from unstated assumptions  
jargon  
logic (inductive/deductive reasoning)  
mnemonic device  
oral language techniques (inflection, enunciation, rate, and pitch)  
participial phrase and participles  
persuasive writing techniques  
preface  
reliability  
sensory detail  
shades of meaning  
synthesize/analyze  
tension  
thesis statement  
writing process

\*These terms are words included in the state frameworks that have been deemed essential knowledge for end of course tests.