

**El Rancho Unified School District**  
**English Language Arts**

<p><b><u>Grade Level:</u></b> 8</p>	<p><b><u>Text Title:</u></b> Why Leaves Turn Color in the Fall</p>
<p><b><u>Dependent Questions:</u></b></p> <p>Provide two pieces of evidence from the text that conveys an author's native tone.</p> <p>Discuss the photosynthetic/scientific process involved of why leaves turn color according to Ackerman?</p>	<p><b><u>Academic Vocabulary:</u></b></p> <p>textual evidence analysis explicit cite central idea convey/transmit relevant/pertinent appropriate</p>
<p><b><u>Performance Tasks:</u></b></p> <p>Write a multi-paragraph essay that discusses Ackerman's natural, scientific, and reflective approach to why leaves turn color in the fall.</p>	<p><b><u>Essential Skills:</u></b></p> <p>Identify what is explicitly stated in text. Analyze a text Identify hierarchy of evidence to support analysis Determine the central idea Craft a thesis statement Provide relevant concrete details Write conclusions</p>
<p><b><u>Non Core State Standards:</u></b></p>	