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## 8th Grade Holt Strategic This Week's Standards

**8th Grade Reading Standard 3.5** Identify and analyze recurring themes (e.g., good versus evil) across traditional and contemporary works.

**8th Grade Writing Standard 2.4** Write persuasive compositions:

- a. Include a well-defined thesis (i.e., one that makes a clear and knowledgeable judgment).
- b. Present detailed evidence, examples, and reasoning to support arguments, differentiating between facts and opinion.<?xml:namespace prefix = o /><?xml:namespace prefix = o /><?xml:namespace prefix = o />
- c. Provide details, reasons, and examples, arranging them effectively by anticipating and answering reader concerns and counterarguments.

Use <http://procon.org> to determine your persuasive essay topic and to gather evidence. Remember that your parents have a final say on your topic.

**8th Grade Spelling 1.6** Use correct spelling conventions.

**12-9-09 HW - Response to Literature Essay for "[My Mother Pieced Quilts](#)"** (Complete only Introduction and Interpretations. We will complete the essay in class).

**Homework 10/29/09 - Write the [draft to your persuasive essay](#)**

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