Link to M-Step Practice and Tutorials –

<https://wbte.drcedirect.com/MI/portals/mi>

Link to M-Step tutorial for Writing Tools - [https://assets.drcedirect.com/States/MI/Tutorials/Student/20171113/MStep/index.html#](https://assets.drcedirect.com/States/MI/Tutorials/Student/20171113/MStep/index.html)

M-Step - Language Arts

* + - Reading Component -
			* Multiple Choice
		- Writing Component -
		- Questions asked about a piece of writing
			* Multiple choice
			* Written Response - Analysis of a piece of writing

**Topics of Study**

**Literary Analysis** – Textbook Review pp. R102 – R112

* Plot Structure - Exposition, Rising Action, Climax, Falling Action, Resolution
* Conflict
* Making inferences
* Character development
* Point of View and Reliability of Narrator
* Theme
* Setting
* Mood
* Imagery
* Suspense
* Symbolism
* Motif
* Poetic Techniques - stanza, rhythm, rhyme, word choice, stylistic devices
* Meanings of words used

Nonfiction Analysis – Textbook Review – pp.R113 – R117

**Writing** - personal narrative, literary analysis, comparative essay, persuasive essay, research paper – review of terms pp.

* Structure
	+ Effective introductions
	+ Clear statement of topic/thesis statement
	+ Clear and effective organization and flow of areas of support and the evidence and reasoning within those areas of support
	+ effective conclusions
* Ideas - main ideas and areas of support developed by evidence and reasoning
	+ Accurate
	+ Powerful
	+ Clear
	+ Paraphrasing and use of quotations as evidence
	+ Parenthetical citation - correct information provided in the correct form
* Style
	+ Word choice - powerful, purposeful, correct connotation v. denotation
	+ Sentence variety
	+ Tone
* Awareness of Purpose and Audience

**Grammar**

* Parts of Speech – Review p. R48
* Types of Sentences
* Avoiding Run-ons and Fragments – Textbook Review R64-65
* Punctuation – Textbook Review – pp.R49-R50
	+ Commas – Textbook Review R49
	+ Semi-colons – Textbook Review p. R49
	+ Colons – Textbook Review p. R50
* Capitalization – Textbook Review p. R51
* Homonyms – ex. Their/There/ They’re, to/too/two, were/where
* Word Study - prefixes, roots, suffixes