

**Common Core Standards
Grade 8 – English Language Arts
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Identifier	Standard
8.ELA	English Language Arts
8.RL	Reading - Literature
8.RL.01	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
8.RL.02	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot; provide an objective summary of the text.
8.RL.03	Analyze how particular lines of dialogue or incidents in a story or drama propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision.
8.RL.04	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
8.RL.05	Compare and contrast the structure of two or more texts and analyze how the differing structure of each text contributes to its meaning and style.
8.RL.06	Analyze how differences in the points of view of the characters and the audience or reader (e.g., created through the use of dramatic irony) create such effects as suspense or humor.
8.RL.06a	Analyze multiple interpretations of full-length novels, short stories, poems, and other genres by authors who represent diverse world cultures.
8.RL.07	Analyze the extent to which a filmed or live production of a story or drama stays faithful to or departs from the text or script, evaluating the choices made by the director or actors.
8.RL.09	Analyze how a modern work of fiction draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types from myths, traditional stories, or religious works such as the Bible, including describing how the material is rendered new.
8.RL.10	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
8.RL.11	Interpret, analyze, and evaluate narratives, poetry, and drama, artistically and ethically by making connections to: other texts, ideas, cultural perspectives, eras, personal events, and situations.
8.RL.11a	Self-select text to develop personal preferences.
8.RL.11b	Establish and use criteria to classify, select, and evaluate texts to make informed judgments about the quality of the pieces.
8.RI	Reading - Informational Text
8.RI.01	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
8.RI.02	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.
8.RI.03	Analyze how a text makes connections among and distinctions between individuals, ideas, or events (e.g., through comparisons, analogies, or categories).

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8.RI.04	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
8.RI.05	Analyze in detail the structure of a specific paragraph in a text, including the role of particular sentences in developing and refining a key concept.
8.RI.06	Determine an author’s point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author acknowledges and responds to conflicting evidence or viewpoints.
8.RI.07	Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of using different mediums (e.g., print or digital text, video, multimedia) to present a particular topic or idea.
8.RI.08	Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced.
8.RI.09	Analyze a case in which two or more texts provide conflicting information on the same topic and identify where the texts disagree on matters of fact or interpretation.
8.RI.09a	Use their experience and their knowledge of language and logic, as well as culture, to think analytically, address problems creatively, and advocate persuasively.
8.RI.10	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction at the high end of the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
8.W	Writing
8.W.01	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
8.W.01a	Introduce claim(s), acknowledge and distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.
8.W.01b	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
8.W.01c	Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
8.W.01d	Establish and maintain a formal style.
8.W.01e	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
8.W.02	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
8.W.02a	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
8.W.02b	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
8.W.02c	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
8.W.02d	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
8.W.02e	Establish and maintain a formal style.

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8.W.02f	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
8.W.03	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
8.W.03a	Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and point of view and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.
8.W.03b	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, and reflection, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
8.W.03c	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events.
8.W.03d	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.
8.W.03e	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
8.W.04	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
8.W.04a	Produce text (print or nonprint) that explores a variety of cultures and perspectives.
8.W.05	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
8.W.06	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.
8.W.07	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
8.W.08	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
8.W.09	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
8.W.09a	Apply grade 8 Reading standards to literature (e.g., “Analyze how a modern work of fiction draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types from myths, traditional stories, or religious works such as the Bible, including describing how the material is rendered new”).
8.W.09b	Apply grade 8 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced”).
8.W.10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

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8.W.11	Create a presentation, art work, or text in response to a literary work with a commentary that identifies connections and explains divergences from the original.
8.W.11a	Make well-supported personal, cultural, textual, and thematic connections across genres.
8.W.11b	Create poetry, stories, plays, and other literary forms (e.g. videos, art work).
8.SL	Speaking and Listening
8.SL.01	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
8.SL.01a	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
8.SL.01b	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
8.SL.01c	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
8.SL.01d	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
8.SL.01e	Actively seek to understand other perspectives and cultures and communicate effectively with audiences or individuals of varied backgrounds.
8.SL.02	Analyze the purpose of information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and evaluate the motives (e.g., social, commercial, political) behind its presentation.
8.SL.02a	Use their experience and their knowledge of language, cultures, and logic to think analytically, address problems creatively, and advocate persuasively.
8.SL.03	Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, evaluating the soundness of the reasoning and relevance and sufficiency of the evidence and identifying when irrelevant evidence is introduced.
8.SL.04	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
8.SL.05	Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest.
8.SL.06	Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.
8.L	Language
8.L.01	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
8.L.01a	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
8.L.01b	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
8.L.01c	Form and use verbs in the indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional, and subjunctive mood.
8.L.01d	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.

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8.L.02	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
8.L.02a	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
8.L.02b	Use an ellipsis to indicate an omission.
8.L.02c	Spell correctly.
8.L.03	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
8.L.03a	Use verbs in the active and passive voice and in the conditional and subjunctive mood to achieve particular effects (e.g., emphasizing the actor or the action; expressing uncertainty or describing a state contrary to fact).
8.L.04	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
8.L.04a	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
8.L.04b	Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., precede, recede, secede).
8.L.04c	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
8.L.04d	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
8.L.05	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
8.L.05a	Interpret figures of speech (e.g., verbal irony, puns) in context.
8.L.05b	Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
8.L.05c	Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., bullheaded, willful, firm, persistent, resolute).
8.L.06	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.