



ENGLISH 8

Reading

- Key Ideas & Details: Use textual evidence to support analysis, inferences, themes, central ideas, and summaries, and to determine relationships, propel action, reveal character or provoke a decision.
- Craft & Structure: Analyze diction, structure, sections of a text, and differences in point of view in one or more texts to determine their contribution to a text or how the author responds to conflicting evidence.
- Integration of Knowledge & Ideas: Evaluate the reasoning in a text and the presentations of disagreeing authors; analyze the extent to which a multimedia version stays faithful to a text, the advantages/disadvantages of using multimedia, and how modern fiction draws on traditional examples from the past.
- Range of Reading & Level of Text Complexity: Proficiently read and comprehend literary and nonfiction texts in the grade 8 text complexity band.

Writing

- Argument: Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
- Informative/Explanatory: Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
- Narrative: Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events, using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
- Production and Distribution of Writing: Develop, strengthen, produce, and publish coherent, purposeful writing showing relationships between information and ideas, using the writing process, interaction with others, and technology.
- Research to Build & Present Knowledge: Conduct short research projects that allows for multiple avenues of exploration, evaluating and drawing evidence from a variety of sources while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard citation format.
- Range of Writing: Write routinely over extended time frames and shorter time frames for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.



Speaking & Listening

- Collaboration: Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- Comprehension: Analyze the purpose of information presented in diverse formats, evaluating the soundness of the reasoning.
- Presentation of Knowledge & Ideas: Present claims and findings in a coherent, appropriate manner, using multimedia components.

Language

- Conventions of Standard English: Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar, usage, mechanics, and spelling when writing or speaking.
- Knowledge of Language: Use verbs in the active and passive voice and in the conditional and subjunctive moods to achieve particular effects.
- Vocabulary Acquisition & Use: Acquire and accurately use and interpret grade-appropriate words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.