

# Parent Guide to Grade 8 Standards



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## READING

### What should my child learn in Grade 8?

#### Fluency

- Read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at grade level.

#### Vocabulary

- Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
- Use Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., precede, recede, secede).
- Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
- Verify the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

#### Comprehension

- Analyze text to cite textual evidence that is explicitly stated and to make inferences.
- Determine theme and central ideas of a text.
- Summarize a text based on facts.
- Analyze how lines of dialogue or incidents in a story/drama propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision.
- 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.
- 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.

### How Can I Help My Child Learn at Home?



- 1 Provide time and space for your child to read independently that is free from distractions.
- 2 Ask your child what topics, events, or activities he or she likes. Look for books, magazines, or other materials about topics that would motivate your child to read.
- 3 Make time for conversation at home. Discuss current events, shared interests, and future aspirations for education and career.
- 4 Visit museums, zoos, theaters, historical sites, aquariums, and other places to help increase your child's exposure to new knowledge and vocabulary.
- 5 Use technology to help build your child's interest in reading. Students can read books or articles online at many websites.



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