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Anchor Standards* for Literacy Learning

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Key Ideas and Details	**1**	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
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Craft and Structure	**4**	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
	5	Analyze the structure of texts, including how specific sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of the text (e.g., a section, chapter, scene, or stanza) relate to each other and the whole.
	6	Assess how point of view or purpose shapes the content and style of a text.
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	**7**	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.*
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Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity	**10**	Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.
	 **11**	Encounter a diverse range of engaging and culturally sensitive text and media that motivate the desire to be literate.
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Reading Standards for Literature	
Key Ideas and Details	**RL.8.1** – Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
	RL.8.2 – 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.
	RL.8.3 – 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.
Craft and Structure	**RL.8.4** – 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.
	RL.8.5 – 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.
	RL.8.6 – 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.
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	**RL.8.7** – 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.
	(Not Applicable to literature)
	RL.8.9 – 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.
Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity	**RL.8.10** – 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.

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Reading Standards for Informational Text	
Key Ideas and Details	**RI.8.1** – Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
	RI.8.2 – 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.
	RI.8.3 – Analyze how a text makes connections among and distinctions between individuals, ideas, or events (e.g., through comparisons, analogies, or categories).
Craft and Structure	**RI.8.4** – 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.
	RI.8.5 – 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.
	RI.8.6 – 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.
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	**RI.8.7** – Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of using different mediums (e.g., print or digital text, video, multimedia) to present a particular topic or idea.
	RI.8.8 – 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.
	RI.8.9 – 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.
Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity	**RI.8.10** – 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.

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Anchor Standards* for Writing

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing		
Text Types and Purposes*	**1**	Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
	 **11**	Create—both independently and collaboratively—technical, non-print, digital, and multi-modal versions of text types and purposes outlined in standards 1, 2, and 3.
Production and Distribution of Writing	**4**	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
	 **12**	Strengthen writing craft—both independently and collaboratively—through a recursive writing and revision process and the use of the common vocabulary of the 6-Trait model.
	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
	6	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
Research to Build and Present Knowledge	**7**	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
Range of Writing	**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 tasks, purposes, and audiences.

*These broad types of writing include many subgenres. See Appendix A [of the full CCSS document] for definitions of key writing types.

Note: See page 18 of the CCSS document for the "Note on range and content of student writing" for grades K-5. See page 41 of the CCSS document for the "Note on range and content of student writing" for grades 6-12.

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Writing Standards	
Text Types and Purposes	**W.8.1** – Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
	W.8.1a – Introduce claim(s), acknowledge and distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.
	W.8.1b – Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
	W.8.1c – Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
	W.8.1d – Establish and maintain a formal style.
	W.8.1e – Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
	W.8.2 – Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
	W.8.2a – 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.
	W.8.2b – Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
	W.8.2c – Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
	W.8.2d – Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
	W.8.2e – Establish and maintain a formal style.
	W.8.2f – Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
	W.8.3 – Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
	W.8.3a – 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.
	W.8.3b – Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, and reflection, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
	W.8.3c – 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.
	W.8.3d – Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.
	W.8.3e – Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
Production and	**W.8.4** – Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types

Distribution of Writing	are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
	W.8.5 – 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. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8 on page 52 [of the CCSS].)
	W.8.6 – 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.
Research to Build and Present Knowledge	**W.8.7** – 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.
	W.8.8 – 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.
	W.8.9 – Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
	W.8.9a – 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").
	W.8.9b – 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").
Range of Writing	**W.8.10** – 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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Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening		
Comprehension and Collaboration	**1**	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
	2	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
	3	Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric.
Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas	**4**	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
	5	Make strategic use of digital media and visual displays of data to express information and enhance understanding of presentations.
	6	Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and communicative tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.

Note: See page 22 of the CCSS document for the "Note on range and content of student speaking and listening" for grades K-5. See page 48 of the CCSS document for the "Note on range and content of student speaking and listening" for grades 6-12.

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Speaking and Listening Standards	
Comprehension & Collaboration	**SL.8.1** – 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.
	SL.8.1a – 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.
	SL.8.1b – Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
	SL.8.1c – Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
	SL.8.1d – Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
	SL.8.2 – 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.
	SL.8.3 – 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.
Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas	**SL.8.4** – 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.
	SL.8.5 – Integrate multimedia and visual displays into presentations to clarify information, strengthen claims and evidence, and add interest.
	SL.8.6 – Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. (See grade 8 Language standards 1 and 3 on page 52 [of the CCSS] for specific expectations.)

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Anchor Standards for Language

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language		
Conventions of Standard English	**1**	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
	2	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
Knowledge of Language	**3**	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	**4**	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
	5	Demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings.
	6	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

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Language Standards	
Conventions of Standard English	**L.8.1** – Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
	L.8.1a – Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
	L.8.1b – Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
	L.8.1c – Form and use verbs in the indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional, and subjunctive mood.
	L.8.1d – Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.*
	L.8.2 – Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
	L.8.2a – Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
	L.8.2b – Use an ellipsis to indicate an omission.
	L.8.2c – Spell correctly.
Knowledge of Language	**L.8.3** – Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
	L.8.3a – 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).
Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	**L.8.4** – 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.
	L.8.4a – 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.
	L.8.4b – Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., *precede, recede, secede*).
	L.8.4c – 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.
	L.8.4d – 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).
	L.8.5 – Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
	L.8.5a – Interpret figures of speech (e.g. verbal irony, puns) in context.
	L.8.5b – Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
	L.8.5c – Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., *bullheaded, willful, firm, persistent, resolute*).
	L.8.6 – 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.

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Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies	
Key Ideas and Details	**RH.6-8.1** – Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources.
	RH.6-8.2 – Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.
	RH.6-8.3 – Identify key steps in a text's description of a process related to history/social studies (e.g., how a bill becomes law, how interest rates are raised or lowered).
Craft and Structure	**RH.6-8.4** – Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies.
	RH.6-8.5 – Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally).
	RH.6-8.6 – Identify aspects of a text that reveal an author's point of view or purpose (e.g., loaded language, inclusion or avoidance of particular facts).
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	**RH.6-8.7** – Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.
	RH.6-8.8 – Distinguish among fact, opinion, and reasoned judgment in a text.
	RH.6-8.9 – Analyze the relationship between a primary and secondary source on the same topic.
Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity	**RH.6-8.10** – By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

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Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects	
Key Ideas and Details	**RST.6-8.1** – Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts.
	RST.6-8.2 – Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.
	RST.6-8.3 – Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks.
Craft and Structure	**RST.6-8.4** – Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to *grades 6-8 texts and topics*.
	RST.6-8.5 – Analyze the structure an author uses to organize a text, including how the major sections contribute to the whole and to an understanding of the topic.
	RST.6-8.6 – Analyze the author's purpose in providing an explanation, describing a procedure, or discussing an experiment in a text.
Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	**RST.6-8.7** – Integrate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text with a version of that information expressed visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table).
	RST.6-8.8 – Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text.
	RST.6-8.9 – Compare and contrast the information gained from experiments, simulations, video, or multimedia sources with that gained from reading a text on the same topic.
Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity	**RST.6-8.10** – By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

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	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
	 **11**	Create—both independently and collaboratively—technical, non-print, digital, and multi-modal versions of text types and purposes outlined in standards 1, 2, and 3.
Production and Distribution of Writing	**4**	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
	 **12**	Strengthen writing craft—both independently and collaboratively—through a recursive writing and revision process and the use of the common vocabulary of the 6-Trait model.
	5	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
	6	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
Research to Build and Present Knowledge	**7**	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
	8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
	9	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
Range of Writing	**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 tasks, purposes, and audiences.

*These broad types of writing include many subgenres. See Appendix A [of the full CCSS document] for definitions of key writing types.

Note: See page 18 of the CCSS document for the "Note on range and content of student writing" for grades K-5. See page 41 of the CCSS document for the "Note on range and content of student writing" for grades 6-12.

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Grade 8

Writing Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects	
Text Types and Purposes	**WHST.6-8.1** – Write arguments focused on *discipline-specific content*.
	WHST.6-8.1a – Introduce claim(s) about a topic or issue, acknowledge and distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.
	WHST.6-8.1b – Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant, accurate data and evidence that demonstrate an understanding of the topic or text, using credible sources.
	WHST.6-8.1c – Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
	WHST.6-8.1d – Establish and maintain a formal style.
	WHST.6-8.1e – Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
	WHST.6-8.2 – Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
	WHST.6-8.2a – Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
	WHST.6-8.2b – Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
	WHST.6-8.2c – Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
	WHST.6-8.2d – Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
	WHST.6-8.2e – Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone.
	WHST.6-8.2f – Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
	WHST.6-8.3 – (See note; not applicable as a separate requirement)
Production and Distribution of Writing	**WHST.6-8.4** – Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
	WHST.6-8.5 – 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.
	WHST.6-8.6 – Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas clearly and efficiently.
Research to Build and Present Knowledge	**WHST.6-8.7** – 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.
	WHST.6-8.8 – 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.
	WHST.6-8.9 – Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis reflection, and

	research.
Range of Writing	**WHST.6-8.10** – Write routinely over extended time frames (time for 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.

Note: Students' narrative skills continue to grow in these grades. The Standards require that students be able to incorporate narrative elements effectively into arguments and informative/explanatory texts. In history/social studies, students must be able to incorporate narrative accounts into their analyses of individuals or events of historical import. In science and technical subjects, students must be able to write precise enough descriptions of the step-by-step procedures they use in their investigations or technical work that others can replicate them and (possibly) reach the same results.