

STAAR EOC Tutorials for Texas are designed specifically for the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) to prepare students for the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR)® end-of-course assessments. EOC Categories are at the heart of STAAR EOC Tutorial structure – bringing category-based learning to the student experience, and category-based performance and progress tracking to the teacher experience.

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English Tutorials offer targeted instruction, practice and review designed to build students' communication and reading comprehension skills. They automatically identify and address learning gaps down to elementary-level content, using adaptive remediation to bring students to grade-level no matter where they start. Students engage with the content in an interactive, feedback-rich environment as they progress through standards-aligned modules. Reading comprehension modules strengthen students' critical analysis skills as they study how nonfiction and literature can be used to share ideas. Writing modules combine free response exercises with drafting strategies and exemplars to help students communicate clearly and credibly in narrative, persuasive, and explanatory styles. To develop skills specific to public discourse, speaking and listening modules guide students as they evaluate clips and readings from speeches and discussions. In language modules, students build foundational grammar skills they need to articulate their ideas and understand challenging words.

In each module, the Learn It and Try It make complex ideas accessible through focused content, guided analysis, multi-modal representations, and personalized feedback as students reason through increasingly challenging problems. The Review It offers a high impact summary of key concepts and relates those concepts to students' lives. The Test It assesses students' mastery of the module's concepts, providing granular performance data to students and teachers after each attempt. To help students concentrate on the content most relevant to them, unit-level pretests and posttests can quickly identify where students are strong and where they're still learning.

Test-Taking Strategies for EOC Tutorials allow students to practice and apply learning approaches that will hone their test-taking skills and focus them for success on the day of their EOC test.

Unit 1: Elements of Literature

• POINT OF VIEW

- 8.5.F: Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;

- 8.5.G: Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. evaluate details read to determine key ideas;
 - 8.6.C: Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
 - 8.9.A: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. explain the author's purpose and message within a text;
 - 8.9.E: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. identify and analyze the use of literary devices, including multiple points of view and irony;
 - 8.9.F: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. analyze how the author's use of language contributes to the mood, voice, and tone; and
- **PLOT**
- 8.5.F: Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;
 - 8.6.C: Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
 - 8.7.B: Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts-- literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. analyze how characters' motivations and behaviors influence events and resolution of the conflict;
 - 8.7.C: Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts-- literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. analyze non-linear plot development such as flashbacks, foreshadowing, subplots, and parallel plot structures and compare it to linear plot development; and

- 8.9.B: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. analyze how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;

- **THEMES ACROSS CULTURES**

- 8.7.A: Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts-- literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. analyze how themes are developed through the interaction of characters and events;
- 8.7.D: Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts-- literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. explain how the setting influences the values and beliefs of characters.

Unit 2: Poetry and Figurative Language

- **POETRY**

- 8.8.B: Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts-- genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. analyze the effect of graphical elements such as punctuation and line length in poems across a variety of poetic forms such as epic, lyric, and humorous poetry;
- 8.9.B: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. analyze how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;
- 8.9.C: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. analyze the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;

- **FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE**

- 8.5.F: Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;
- 8.5.G: Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. evaluate details read to determine key ideas;

- 8.6.C: Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
 - 8.9.D: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. describe how the author's use of figurative language such as extended metaphor achieves specific purposes;
 - 8.9.F: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. analyze how the author's use of language contributes to the mood, voice, and tone; and
- **CONNOTATION AND DENOTATION**
 - 8.9.F: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. analyze how the author's use of language contributes to the mood, voice, and tone; and
- **WORD CHOICE**
 - 8.5.F: Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;
 - 8.5.G: Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. evaluate details read to determine key ideas;
 - 8.6.C: Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
 - 8.9.A: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. explain the author's purpose and message within a text;
 - 8.9.D: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they

influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. describe how the author's use of figurative language such as extended metaphor achieves specific purposes;

- 8.9.E: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. identify and analyze the use of literary devices, including multiple points of view and irony;
- 8.9.F: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. analyze how the author's use of language contributes to the mood, voice, and tone; and
- 8.9.G: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. explain the purpose of rhetorical devices such as analogy and juxtaposition and of logical fallacies such as bandwagon appeals and circular reasoning.

Unit 3: Reading Strategies 1

• CENTRAL IDEA AND SUMMARY

- 8.5.G: Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. evaluate details read to determine key ideas;
- 8.6.D: Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. paraphrase and summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order;
- 8.8.D.i: Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts-genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. analyze characteristics and structural elements of informational text, including: the controlling idea or thesis with supporting evidence;

• INDEPENDENT READING

- 8.5.C: Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. make and correct or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre, and structures;

- 8.5.E: Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society;
- 8.5.F: Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;
- 8.5.G: Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. evaluate details read to determine key ideas;
- 8.9.C: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. analyze the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;

Unit 4: Reading Strategies 2

• AUTHOR'S PURPOSE

- 8.5.G: Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. evaluate details read to determine key ideas;
- 8.6.B: Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. write responses that demonstrate understanding of texts, including comparing sources within and across genres;
- 8.6.C: Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
- 8.9.A: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. explain the author's purpose and message within a text;

• MAKING INFERENCES

- 8.5.F: Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;
- 8.5.G: Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of

increasingly complex texts. evaluate details read to determine key ideas;

- 8.6.C: Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
- 8.6.G: Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. discuss and write about the explicit or implicit meanings of text;

• LITERARY GENRES

- 8.6.B: Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. write responses that demonstrate understanding of texts, including comparing sources within and across genres;
- 8.8.A: Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. demonstrate knowledge of literary genres such as realistic fiction, adventure stories, historical fiction, mysteries, humor, fantasy, science fiction, and short stories;
- 8.8.B: Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. analyze the effect of graphical elements such as punctuation and line length in poems across a variety of poetic forms such as epic, lyric, and humorous poetry;

Unit 5: Analyzing Argumentative Texts

• ANALYZING AN ARGUMENT

- 8.6.C: Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
- 8.8.E.i: Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. analyze characteristics and structures of argumentative text by: identifying the claim and analyzing the argument;
- 8.9.G: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. explain the purpose of rhetorical devices such as analogy and juxtaposition and of logical fallacies such as bandwagon appeals and circular reasoning.

• ANALYZING CONFLICTING EVIDENCE

- 8.6.C: Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
 - 8.8.E.i: Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. analyze characteristics and structures of argumentative text by: identifying the claim and analyzing the argument;
 - 8.8.E.ii: Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. analyze characteristics and structures of argumentative text by: identifying and explaining the counter argument; and
- **RHETORICAL AND LOGICAL FALLACIES**
 - 8.9.G: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. explain the purpose of rhetorical devices such as analogy and juxtaposition and of logical fallacies such as bandwagon appeals and circular reasoning.
 - **EVALUATING THE MEDIA**
 - 8.9.A: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. explain the author's purpose and message within a text;
 - 8.9.C: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. analyze the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;
 - 8.9.F: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. analyze how the author's use of language contributes to the mood, voice, and tone; and

Unit 6: Analyzing Informational Texts

- **SYNTHESIZING INFORMATION**

- 8.5.F: Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;
- 8.5.H: Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. synthesize information to create new understanding; and
- 8.8.D.i: Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. analyze characteristics and structural elements of informational text, including: the controlling idea or thesis with supporting evidence;

• TEXT STRUCTURES

- 8.5.G: Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. evaluate details read to determine key ideas;
- 8.6.C: Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
- 8.8.D.i: Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. analyze characteristics and structural elements of informational text, including: the controlling idea or thesis with supporting evidence;
- 8.9.B: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. analyze how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;

• EVALUATING GRAPHICS

- 8.9.C: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. analyze the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;

• ORGANIZATIONAL PATTERNS

- 8.6.D: Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. paraphrase and summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order;

- 8.8.D.iii: Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. analyze characteristics and structural elements of informational text, including: multiple organizational patterns within a text to develop the thesis;
- 8.9.A: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. explain the author's purpose and message within a text;
- 8.9.C: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. analyze the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;

Unit 7: Narrative Writing

• NARRATIVE TECHNIQUES

- 8.7.B: Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. analyze how characters' motivations and behaviors influence events and resolution of the conflict;
- 8.7.D: Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. explain how the setting influences the values and beliefs of characters.
- 8.9.D: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. describe how the author's use of figurative language such as extended metaphor achieves specific purposes;
- 8.9.E: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. identify and analyze the use of literary devices, including multiple points of view and irony;
- 8.9.C: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they

influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. analyze the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;

- 8.9.F: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. analyze how the author's use of language contributes to the mood, voice, and tone; and
- 8.10.C: Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions. revise drafts for clarity, development, organization, style, word choice, and sentence variety;

- **SHORT NARRATIVES**

- 8.5.F: Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;
- 8.5.G: Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. evaluate details read to determine key ideas;
- 8.6.C: Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
- 8.7.B: Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. analyze how characters' motivations and behaviors influence events and resolution of the conflict;
- 8.9.B: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. analyze how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;
- 8.10.B.i: Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions. develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by: organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction, transitions, coherence within and across paragraphs, and a conclusion; and

- 8.11.B: Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres. The student uses genre characteristics and craft to compose multiple texts that are meaningful. compose informational texts, including multi-paragraph essays that convey information about a topic, using a clear controlling idea or thesis statement and genre characteristics and craft;

Unit 8: Writing 1

• DEVELOPING EXPOSITORY ESSAYS

- 8.6.C: Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
- 8.8.D.i: Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. analyze characteristics and structural elements of informational text, including: the controlling idea or thesis with supporting evidence;
- 8.8.D.iii: Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. analyze characteristics and structural elements of informational text, including: multiple organizational patterns within a text to develop the thesis;
- 8.9.B: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. analyze how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;
- 8.9.C: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. analyze the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;
- 8.10.B.i: Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions. develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by: organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction, transitions, coherence within and across paragraphs, and a conclusion; and
- 8.11.B: Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres. The student uses genre characteristics and craft to compose multiple texts that are meaningful. compose informational texts, including multi-paragraph essays that convey

information about a topic, using a clear controlling idea or thesis statement and genre characteristics and craft;

- **DEVELOPING ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAYS**

- 8.6.C: Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
- 8.8.E.i: Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. analyze characteristics and structures of argumentative text by: identifying the claim and analyzing the argument;
- 8.8.E.ii: Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. analyze characteristics and structures of argumentative text by: identifying and explaining the counter argument; and
- 8.8.E.iii: Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. analyze characteristics and structures of argumentative text by: identifying the intended audience or reader; and
- 8.9.B: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. analyze how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;
- 8.9.C: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. analyze the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;
- 8.10.B.i: Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions. develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by: organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction, transitions, coherence within and across paragraphs, and a conclusion; and
- 8.11.C: Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres. The student uses genre characteristics and craft to compose multiple texts that are

meaningful. compose multi-paragraph argumentative texts using genre characteristics and craft; and

- **IDENTIFYING ARGUMENTATIVE CLAIMS**

- 8.8.E.i: Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. analyze characteristics and structures of argumentative text by: identifying the claim and analyzing the argument;
- 8.11.D: Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres. The student uses genre characteristics and craft to compose multiple texts that are meaningful. compose correspondence that reflects an opinion, registers a complaint, or requests information in a business or friendly structure.

- **TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS**

- 8.9.A: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. explain the author's purpose and message within a text;
- 8.9.B: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. analyze how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;
- 8.9.C: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. analyze the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;
- 8.11.D: Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres. The student uses genre characteristics and craft to compose multiple texts that are meaningful. compose correspondence that reflects an opinion, registers a complaint, or requests information in a business or friendly structure.

Unit 9: Writing 2

- **PLANNING AND ORGANIZING**

- 8.8.E.ii: Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and

diverse texts. analyze characteristics and structures of argumentative text by: identifying and explaining the counter argument; and

- 8.9.A: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. explain the author's purpose and message within a text;
- 8.9.B: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. analyze how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;
- 8.9.F: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. analyze how the author's use of language contributes to the mood, voice, and tone; and
- 8.10.B.i: Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions. develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by: organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction, transitions, coherence within and across paragraphs, and a conclusion; and
- 8.10.B.ii: Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions. develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by: developing an engaging idea reflecting depth of thought with specific facts, details, and examples;
- **REVISING AND EDITING**
 - 8.8.E.ii: Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. analyze characteristics and structures of argumentative text by: identifying and explaining the counter argument; and
 - 8.9.F: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. analyze how the author's use of language contributes to the mood, voice, and tone; and

- 8.10.C: Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions. revise drafts for clarity, development, organization, style, word choice, and sentence variety;
- 8.10.B.i: Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions. develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by: organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction, transitions, coherence within and across paragraphs, and a conclusion; and
- 8.10.D.v: Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions. edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: correct capitalization;

Unit 10: Writing Skills

• INTRODUCTIONS

- 8.10.B.i: Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions. develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by: organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction, transitions, coherence within and across paragraphs, and a conclusion; and

• CONCLUSIONS

- 8.10.B.i: Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions. develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by: organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction, transitions, coherence within and across paragraphs, and a conclusion; and

• USING TRANSITIONS

- 8.10.C: Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions. revise drafts for clarity, development, organization, style, word choice, and sentence variety;
- 8.10.B.i: Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions. develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by: organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction, transitions, coherence within and across paragraphs, and a conclusion; and

Unit 11: Sentence Structure

• VERB TENSE AND VOICE

- 8.10.D.ii: Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions. edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: consistent, appropriate use of verb tenses and active and passive voice;

- **SENTENCE TYPES**

- 8.10.D.i: Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions. edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: complete complex sentences with subject-verb agreement and avoidance of splices, run-ons, and fragments;

- **PUNCTUATION**

- 8.10.D.vi: Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions. edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: punctuation, including commas in nonrestrictive phrases and clauses, semicolons, colons, and parentheses; and

- **PHRASES**

- 8.10.D.iii: Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions. edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: prepositions and prepositional phrases and their influence on subject-verb agreement;

- **PRONOUNS**

- 8.10.D.iv: Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions. edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: pronoun-antecedent agreement;

Unit 12: Usage 1

- **CONTEXT CLUES**

- 8.2.B: Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. use context within or beyond a paragraph to clarify the meaning of unfamiliar or ambiguous words; and

- **WORD RELATIONSHIPS**

- 8.2.B: Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively.

use context within or beyond a paragraph to clarify the meaning of unfamiliar or ambiguous words; and

- **WORD ROOTS**

- 8.2.C: Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. determine the meaning and usage of grade-level academic English words derived from Greek and Latin roots such as ast, qui, path, mand/mend, and duc.

- **USING REFERENCE MATERIALS**

- 8.2.A: Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. use print or digital resources to determine the meaning, syllabication, pronunciation, word origin, and part of speech;
- 8.2.C: Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. determine the meaning and usage of grade-level academic English words derived from Greek and Latin roots such as ast, qui, path, mand/mend, and duc.
- 8.9.G: Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. explain the purpose of rhetorical devices such as analogy and juxtaposition and of logical fallacies such as bandwagon appeals and circular reasoning.

Unit 13: Usage 2

- **SPELLING RULES**

- 8.10.D.vii: Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions. edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: correct spelling, including commonly confused terms such as its/it's, affect/effect, there/their/they're, and to/two/too; and

- **COMMONLY CONFUSED WORDS**

- 8.10.D.vii: Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions. edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: correct spelling, including commonly confused terms such as its/it's, affect/effect, there/their/they're, and to/two/too; and

Unit 14: Test-Taking Strategies

- **STUDY HABITS**

- **BEING PREPARED AND GETTING STARTED**

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- **WORDING IN TEST QUESTIONS**
 - **WORDING IN ANSWER CHOICES**
 - **QUESTIONS WITH PASSAGES AND VISUAL DATA**
 - **ESSAY AND SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**
 - **WORD PROBLEMS**
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