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Language Arts

Grade 9 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.4.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.2.	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.4.	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that:
INDICATOR	SL.PK- 12.4.a.	Listeners can follow the line of reasoning.
INDICATOR	SL.PK- 12.4.b.	The organization, development, vocabulary, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.3.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **RI.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.3.	Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.

FOCUS / COURSE **RI.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]**

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another). (See grades 9–10 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)

FOCUS / COURSE **RI.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.4.	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, vocabulary, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (See grades 9–10 Language Standards 4–6 for specific expectations regarding vocabulary.)

FOCUS / COURSE **L.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history/social studies.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.6.	Compare the point of view of two or more authors for how they treat the same or similar topics, including which details they include and emphasize in their respective accounts.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; trace a text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of a text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9- 10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 9–10 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.4.	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, vocabulary, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and task.

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Grade 10 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

STRAND		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.4.	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that:

INDICATOR	SL.PK-12.4.a.	Listeners can follow the line of reasoning.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK-12.4.	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.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK-12.6.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **RI.9-10. Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.3.	Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.

FOCUS / COURSE **RI.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]**

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another). (See grades 9–10 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)

FOCUS / COURSE **RI.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.4.	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, vocabulary, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and task. (See grades 9–10 Language Standards 4–6 for specific expectations regarding vocabulary.)
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history/social studies.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.6.	Compare the point of view of two or more authors for how they treat the same or similar topics, including which details they include and emphasize in their respective accounts.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; trace a text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of a text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 9–10 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.4.	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, vocabulary, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and task.

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Language Arts

Grade 11 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.4.	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that:
INDICATOR	SL.PK- 12.4.a.	Listeners can follow the line of reasoning.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.3.	Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines or revises the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10). (See grades 11–12 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.4.	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence, conveying a clear and distinct perspective, such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning, alternative or opposing perspectives are addressed, and the organization, development, vocabulary, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and a range of formal and informal tasks. (See grades 11–12 Language Standards 4–6 for specific expectations regarding vocabulary.)
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word’s position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.3.	Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where a text leaves matters uncertain.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.8.	Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 11–12 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11 -12.4.	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence, conveying a clear and distinct perspective, such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning, alternative or opposing perspectives are addressed, and the organization, development, vocabulary, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and a range of formal and informal tasks.

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Grade 12 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.4.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

FOCUS / COURSE SL.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE SL.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

STRAND		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.4.	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that:
INDICATOR	SL.PK- 12.4.a.	Listeners can follow the line of reasoning.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.3.	Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines or revises the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10). (See grades 11–12 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11- 12.4.	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence, conveying a clear and distinct perspective, such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning, alternative or opposing perspectives are addressed, and the organization, development, vocabulary, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and a range of formal and informal tasks. (See grades 11–12 Language Standards 4–6 for specific expectations regarding vocabulary.)
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.3.	Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where a text leaves matters uncertain.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.8.	Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 11–12 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.4.	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence, conveying a clear and distinct perspective, such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning, alternative or opposing perspectives are addressed, and the organization, development, vocabulary, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and a range of formal and informal tasks.

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Language Arts

Grade 9 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.2.	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.3.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.3.	Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9- 10.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another). (See grades 9–10 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history/social studies.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.6.	Compare the point of view of two or more authors for how they treat the same or similar topics, including which details they include and emphasize in their respective accounts.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; trace a text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of a text.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 9–10 texts and topics.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.4.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.3.	Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another). (See grades 9–10 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)

FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history/social studies.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.9-10.6.	Compare the point of view of two or more authors for how they treat the same or similar topics, including which details they include and emphasize in their respective accounts.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9-10.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; trace a text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of a text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 9–10 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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Language Arts

Grade 11 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.3.	Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines or revises the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10). (See grades 11–12 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11- 12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.3.	Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where a text leaves matters uncertain.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.8.	Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 11–12 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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Grade 12 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.3.	Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines or revises the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10). (See grades 11–12 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11- 12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.3.	Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where a text leaves matters uncertain.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.8.	Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 11–12 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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**FOCUS /
COURSE** **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

**FOCUS /
COURSE** **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.4.	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.

**FOCUS /
COURSE** **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

**FOCUS /
COURSE** **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

**FOCUS /
COURSE** **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.2.	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.3.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK-12.6.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **RL.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9-10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9-10.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9-10.3.	Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.

FOCUS / COURSE **RL.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create an appropriate progression of experiences or events.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.c.	Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and figurative and sensory language to describe settings and characters and establish mood and tone.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9- 10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9- 10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SLCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks

Language Arts

Grade 10 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.3.	Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.7.	Analyze a critical response to a work or body of literature (e.g., author documentary, book review); provide a summary of the argument presented and evaluate the strength of the evidence supporting it.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create an appropriate progression of experiences or events.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.c.	Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and figurative and sensory language to describe settings and characters and establish mood and tone.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word’s position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SLCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks

Language Arts

Grade 11 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to produce a complex account; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.3.	Analyze the impact of the author's choices regarding how to develop and relate elements of a story, poem, or drama (e.g., where a story is set, how the action is ordered, how the characters are introduced and developed).
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR W.11-12.1.d. Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR W.11-12.2.e. Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

INDICATOR W.11-12.3.a. Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation and its significance, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create an appropriate progression of experiences or events.

INDICATOR W.11-12.3.b. Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

INDICATOR W.11-12.3.c. Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole and build toward a particular tone and outcome (e.g., a sense of mystery, suspense, growth, resolution).

INDICATOR W.11-12.3.d. Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and figurative and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL W.11-12.4. 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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 11–12 standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11- 12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SLCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11-12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11-12.2.	Determine two or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to produce a complex account; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11-12.3.	Analyze the impact of the author's choices regarding how to develop and relate elements of a story, poem, or drama (e.g., where a story is set, how the action is ordered, how the characters are introduced and developed).
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation and its significance, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create an appropriate progression of experiences or events.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.c.	Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole and build toward a particular tone and outcome (e.g., a sense of mystery, suspense, growth, resolution).
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and figurative and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 11–12 standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word’s position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SLCA.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SLCA.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.2.	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.3.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.3.	Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create an appropriate progression of experiences or events.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.3.c.	Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and figurative and sensory language to describe settings and characters and establish mood and tone.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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Language Arts

Grade 10 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK-12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9-10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9-10.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9-10.3.	Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9-10.7.	Analyze a critical response to a work or body of literature (e.g., author documentary, book review); provide a summary of the argument presented and evaluate the strength of the evidence supporting it.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR W.9-10.1.d. Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR W.9-10.2.e. Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

INDICATOR W.9-10.3.a. Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create an appropriate progression of experiences or events.

INDICATOR W.9-10.3.b. Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

INDICATOR W.9-10.3.c. Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole.

INDICATOR W.9-10.3.d. Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and figurative and sensory language to describe settings and characters and establish mood and tone.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL W.9-10.4. 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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).

FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SLCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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Grade 11 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to produce a complex account; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.3.	Analyze the impact of the author's choices regarding how to develop and relate elements of a story, poem, or drama (e.g., where a story is set, how the action is ordered, how the characters are introduced and developed).
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation and its significance, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create an appropriate progression of experiences or events.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.c.	Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole and build toward a particular tone and outcome (e.g., a sense of mystery, suspense, growth, resolution).
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and figurative and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 11–12 standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11- 12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word’s position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to produce a complex account; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.3.	Analyze the impact of the author's choices regarding how to develop and relate elements of a story, poem, or drama (e.g., where a story is set, how the action is ordered, how the characters are introduced and developed).
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation and its significance, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create an appropriate progression of experiences or events.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.c.	Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole and build toward a particular tone and outcome (e.g., a sense of mystery, suspense, growth, resolution).
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and figurative and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 11–12 standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.4.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.2.	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language

STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.3.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.3.	Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create an appropriate progression of experiences or events.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.3.c.	Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and figurative and sensory language to describe settings and characters and establish mood and tone.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SLCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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Grade 10 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.3.	Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.7.	Analyze a critical response to a work or body of literature (e.g., author documentary, book review); provide a summary of the argument presented and evaluate the strength of the evidence supporting it.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create an appropriate progression of experiences or events.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.3.c.	Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and figurative and sensory language to describe settings and characters and establish mood and tone.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SLCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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Language Arts

Grade 11 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to produce a complex account; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.3.	Analyze the impact of the author's choices regarding how to develop and relate elements of a story, poem, or drama (e.g., where a story is set, how the action is ordered, how the characters are introduced and developed).
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation and its significance, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create an appropriate progression of experiences or events.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.c.	Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole and build toward a particular tone and outcome (e.g., a sense of mystery, suspense, growth, resolution).
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and figurative and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 11–12 standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word’s position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.d.	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).

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SLCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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Grade 12 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK-12.4.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **RL.11-12. Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11-12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11-12.2.	Determine two or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to produce a complex account; provide an objective summary of a text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11-12.3.	Analyze the impact of the author's choices regarding how to develop and relate elements of a story, poem, or drama (e.g., where a story is set, how the action is ordered, how the characters are introduced and developed).

FOCUS / COURSE **RL.11-12. Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation and its significance, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create an appropriate progression of experiences or events.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.c.	Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole and build toward a particular tone and outcome (e.g., a sense of mystery, suspense, growth, resolution).
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and figurative and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 11–12 standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11- 12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word’s position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.4.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.2.	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

STRAND		Knowledge of Language

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK-12.3.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK-12.6.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **RI.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.3.	Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.

FOCUS / COURSE **RI.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]**

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another). (See grades 9–10 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)

FOCUS / COURSE **RI.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).

FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history/social studies.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.6.	Compare the point of view of two or more authors for how they treat the same or similar topics, including which details they include and emphasize in their respective accounts.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9-10.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; trace a text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of a text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9- 10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 9–10 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.4.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.3.	Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another). (See grades 9–10 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-H.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history/social studies.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.6.	Compare the point of view of two or more authors for how they treat the same or similar topics, including which details they include and emphasize in their respective accounts.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; trace a text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of a text.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 9–10 texts and topics.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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Language Arts

Grade 11 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.3.	Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines or revises the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10). (See grades 11–12 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 11–12 standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.d.	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).

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-H.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.3.	Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where a text leaves matters uncertain.

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-H.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]**

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-H.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]**

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.8.	Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-H.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 11–12 texts and topics.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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Language Arts

Grade 12 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.4.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.3.	Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines or revises the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10). (See grades 11–12 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 11–12 standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11- 12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.3.	Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where a text leaves matters uncertain.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.8.	Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 11–12 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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Grade 9 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.4.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.2.	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.3.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.3.	Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9- 10.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another). (See grades 9–10 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history/social studies.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.9-10.6.	Compare the point of view of two or more authors for how they treat the same or similar topics, including which details they include and emphasize in their respective accounts.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; trace a text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of a text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 9–10 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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Language Arts

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FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.3.	Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9- 10.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another). (See grades 9–10 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).

FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history/social studies.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.6.	Compare the point of view of two or more authors for how they treat the same or similar topics, including which details they include and emphasize in their respective accounts.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9-10.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; trace a text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of a text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9- 10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 9–10 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SLCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE

R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND

Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD /
CONCEPT /
SKILL

R.PK-
12.2.

Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

FOCUS / COURSE

R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND

Craft and Structure

STANDARD /
CONCEPT /
SKILL

R.PK-
12.4.

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.

FOCUS / COURSE

R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND

Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD /
CONCEPT /
SKILL

R.PK-
12.10.

Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE

W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND

Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.

**FOCUS /
COURSE**

RI.11-12. Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.3.	Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.

**FOCUS /
COURSE**

RI.11-12. Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines or revises the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10). (See grades 11–12 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)

**FOCUS /
COURSE**

RI.11-12. Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

**FOCUS /
COURSE**

W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

**FOCUS /
COURSE**

W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 11–12 standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.d.	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).

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-H.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.3.	Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where a text leaves matters uncertain.

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-H.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]**

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-H.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]**

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.8.	Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-H.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-ST.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms.

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-ST.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]**

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 11–12 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.3.	Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines or revises the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10). (See grades 11–12 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 11–12 standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.d.	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).

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-H.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.3.	Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where a text leaves matters uncertain.

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-H.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]**

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-H.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]**

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.8.	Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 11–12 texts and topics.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.2.	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.3.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.3.	Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9- 10.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another). (See grades 9–10 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning

EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history/social studies.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.6.	Compare the point of view of two or more authors for how they treat the same or similar topics, including which details they include and emphasize in their respective accounts.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9-10.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; trace a text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of a text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9- 10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 9–10 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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Language Arts

Grade 10 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.4.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.3.	Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.

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RI.9-10.

Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another). (See grades 9–10 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)

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RI.9-10.

Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

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W.9-10.

Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

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W.9-10.

Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]**

STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history/social studies.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.6.	Compare the point of view of two or more authors for how they treat the same or similar topics, including which details they include and emphasize in their respective accounts.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; trace a text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of a text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 9–10 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

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WCA.9-10.

Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

**FOCUS /
COURSE**

WCA.9-10.

Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.

**FOCUS /
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SLCA.9-10.

Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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R.PK-12.

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.3.	Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines or revises the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10). (See grades 11–12 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 11–12 standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.d.	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).

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-H.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.3.	Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where a text leaves matters uncertain.

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-H.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]**

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-H.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]**

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.8.	Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 11–12 texts and topics.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.3.	Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines or revises the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10). (See grades 11–12 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 11–12 standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11- 12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word’s position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.3.	Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where a text leaves matters uncertain.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.8.	Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 11–12 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

**FOCUS /
COURSE** **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create an appropriate progression of experiences or events.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.c.	Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and figurative and sensory language to describe settings and characters and establish mood and tone.

**FOCUS /
COURSE** **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)

**FOCUS /
COURSE** **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).

**FOCUS /
COURSE** **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

**FOCUS /
COURSE** **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]**

STRAND		Conventions of Standard English

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)

INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning

EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.

INDICATOR WCA.9-10.2.e. Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL WCA.9-10.4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL WCA.9-10.5. Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL WCA.9-10.6. Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL WCA.9-10.10. 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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SLCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL **SLCA.9-10.1.** **Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.**

INDICATOR SLCA.9-10.1.a. Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR SLCA.9-10.1.b. Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.

INDICATOR SLCA.9-10.1.c. Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create an appropriate progression of experiences or events.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.c.	Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and figurative and sensory language to describe settings and characters and establish mood and tone.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning

EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation and its significance, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create an appropriate progression of experiences or events.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.c.	Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole and build toward a particular tone and outcome (e.g., a sense of mystery, suspense, growth, resolution).
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and figurative and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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Grade 12 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE SL.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation and its significance, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create an appropriate progression of experiences or events.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.c.	Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole and build toward a particular tone and outcome (e.g., a sense of mystery, suspense, growth, resolution).
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and figurative and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK-12.6.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10. Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create an appropriate progression of experiences or events.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.c.	Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and figurative and sensory language to describe settings and characters and establish mood and tone.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9- 10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create an appropriate progression of experiences or events.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.c.	Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and figurative and sensory language to describe settings and characters and establish mood and tone.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]**

STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation and its significance, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create an appropriate progression of experiences or events.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.c.	Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole and build toward a particular tone and outcome (e.g., a sense of mystery, suspense, growth, resolution).
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and figurative and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation and its significance, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create an appropriate progression of experiences or events.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.c.	Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole and build toward a particular tone and outcome (e.g., a sense of mystery, suspense, growth, resolution).
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and figurative and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create an appropriate progression of experiences or events.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.3.c.	Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and figurative and sensory language to describe settings and characters and establish mood and tone.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]**

STRAND		Conventions of Standard English

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create an appropriate progression of experiences or events.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.c.	Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and figurative and sensory language to describe settings and characters and establish mood and tone.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]**

STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation and its significance, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create an appropriate progression of experiences or events.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.c.	Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole and build toward a particular tone and outcome (e.g., a sense of mystery, suspense, growth, resolution).
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and figurative and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11- 12.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE SL.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation and its significance, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create an appropriate progression of experiences or events.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.c.	Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole and build toward a particular tone and outcome (e.g., a sense of mystery, suspense, growth, resolution).
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and figurative and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.3.	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.

INDICATOR	L.11-12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.2.	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

STRAND		Knowledge of Language

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.3.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK-12.6.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **RI.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.3.	Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.

FOCUS / COURSE **RI.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]**

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another). (See grades 9–10 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)

FOCUS / COURSE **RI.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history/social studies.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.6.	Compare the point of view of two or more authors for how they treat the same or similar topics, including which details they include and emphasize in their respective accounts.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; trace a text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of a text.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 9–10 texts and topics.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SLCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.4.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.3.	Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9- 10.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another). (See grades 9–10 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word’s position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history/social studies.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.9-10.6.	Compare the point of view of two or more authors for how they treat the same or similar topics, including which details they include and emphasize in their respective accounts.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9-10.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; trace a text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of a text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 9–10 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9-10.9.	Compare and contrast findings presented in a text to those from other sources (including their own experiments), noting when the findings support or contradict previous explanations or accounts.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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Language Arts

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FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.4.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.3.	Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines or revises the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10). (See grades 11–12 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 11–12 standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.11-12. Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.11-12. Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.11-12. Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.3.	Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where a text leaves matters uncertain.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.7.	Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, as well as in words) in order to address a question or solve a problem.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.8.	Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 11–12 texts and topics.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.8.	Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.9.	Synthesize information from a range of sources (e.g., texts, experiments, simulations) into a coherent understanding of a process, phenomenon, or concept, resolving conflicting information when possible.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the specific task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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Language Arts

Grade 12 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.4.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.3.	Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines or revises the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10). (See grades 11–12 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.11- 12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 11–12 standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.11-12. Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.11-12. Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte’s Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.11-12. Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word’s position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.d.	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).

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-H.11-12. Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.3.	Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where a text leaves matters uncertain.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.7.	Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, as well as in words) in order to address a question or solve a problem.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.8.	Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 11–12 texts and topics.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.8.	Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.9.	Synthesize information from a range of sources (e.g., texts, experiments, simulations) into a coherent understanding of a process, phenomenon, or concept, resolving conflicting information when possible.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the specific task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.4.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.2.	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK-12.3.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK-12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.3.	Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another). (See grades 9–10 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)

FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning

EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history/social studies.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.6.	Compare the point of view of two or more authors for how they treat the same or similar topics, including which details they include and emphasize in their respective accounts.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9-10.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; trace a text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of a text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9- 10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 9–10 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.4.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.3.	Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9- 10.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another). (See grades 9–10 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

INDICATOR W.9-10.3.b. Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL W.9-10.4. 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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR W.9-10.5.b. Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history/social studies.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.6.	Compare the point of view of two or more authors for how they treat the same or similar topics, including which details they include and emphasize in their respective accounts.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; trace a text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of a text.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 9–10 texts and topics.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.9.	Compare and contrast findings presented in a text to those from other sources (including their own experiments), noting when the findings support or contradict previous explanations or accounts.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SLCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.4.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.3.	Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines or revises the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10). (See grades 11–12 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

INDICATOR W.11-12.3.b. Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL W.11-12.4. 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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR W.11-12.5.b. Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL W.11-12.6. Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL W.11-12.7. Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL W.11-12.8. When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL W.11-12.9. Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 11–12 standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.11-12. Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.11-12. Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.3.	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.

INDICATOR	L.11-12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.11-12. Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.d.	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).

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-H.11-12. Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.3.	Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where a text leaves matters uncertain.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.7.	Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, as well as in words) in order to address a question or solve a problem.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.8.	Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 11–12 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.8.	Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.9.	Synthesize information from a range of sources (e.g., texts, experiments, simulations) into a coherent understanding of a process, phenomenon, or concept, resolving conflicting information when possible.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the specific task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.3.	Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines or revises the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10). (See grades 11–12 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 11–12 standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte’s Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word’s position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.3.	Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where a text leaves matters uncertain.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.7.	Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, as well as in words) in order to address a question or solve a problem.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.8.	Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 11–12 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.8.	Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.9.	Synthesize information from a range of sources (e.g., texts, experiments, simulations) into a coherent understanding of a process, phenomenon, or concept, resolving conflicting information when possible.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

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**WCA.11-
12.**

Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the specific task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

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COURSE**

**WCA.11-
12.**

Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.10.	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.

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COURSE**

**SLCA.11-
12.**

Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SLCA.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SLCA.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND **Key Ideas and Details**

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL R.PK-12.1. Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL R.PK-12.2. Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND **Craft and Structure**

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL R.PK-12.4. 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.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND **Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL R.PK-12.7. Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND **Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL R.PK-12.10. Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND **Text Types and Purposes**

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL W.PK-12.2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND **Production and Distribution of Writing**

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL W.PK-12.4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.2.	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK-12.3.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK-12.6.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **RI.9-10. Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.3.	Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.

FOCUS / COURSE **RI.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]**

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another). (See grades 9–10 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)

FOCUS / COURSE **RI.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]**

STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history/social studies.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.6.	Compare the point of view of two or more authors for how they treat the same or similar topics, including which details they include and emphasize in their respective accounts.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; trace a text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of a text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 9–10 texts and topics.

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-ST.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.4.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.3.	Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another). (See grades 9–10 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)

FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning

EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history/social studies.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.6.	Compare the point of view of two or more authors for how they treat the same or similar topics, including which details they include and emphasize in their respective accounts.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9-10.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; trace a text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of a text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9- 10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 9–10 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9- 10.9.	Compare and contrast findings presented in a text to those from other sources (including their own experiments), noting when the findings support or contradict previous explanations or accounts.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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Language Arts

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FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.3.	Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines or revises the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10). (See grades 11–12 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 11–12 standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte’s Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word’s position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.3.	Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where a text leaves matters uncertain.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.7.	Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, as well as in words) in order to address a question or solve a problem.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.8.	Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 11–12 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.8.	Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.9.	Synthesize information from a range of sources (e.g., texts, experiments, simulations) into a coherent understanding of a process, phenomenon, or concept, resolving conflicting information when possible.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the specific task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SLCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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Grade 12 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.4.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.3.	Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines or revises the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10). (See grades 11–12 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 11–12 standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.11-12. Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.11-12. Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.11-12. Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11- 12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.3.	Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where a text leaves matters uncertain.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.7.	Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, as well as in words) in order to address a question or solve a problem.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.8.	Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 11–12 texts and topics.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.8.	Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.9.	Synthesize information from a range of sources (e.g., texts, experiments, simulations) into a coherent understanding of a process, phenomenon, or concept, resolving conflicting information when possible.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the specific task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.2.	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.3.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.3.	Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9- 10.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another). (See grades 9–10 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]**

STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-H.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history/social studies.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.6.	Compare the point of view of two or more authors for how they treat the same or similar topics, including which details they include and emphasize in their respective accounts.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; trace a text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of a text.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 9–10 texts and topics.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.3.	Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another). (See grades 9–10 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)

FOCUS / COURSE **RI.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9- 10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9- 10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9- 10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word’s position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history/social studies.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.6.	Compare the point of view of two or more authors for how they treat the same or similar topics, including which details they include and emphasize in their respective accounts.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; trace a text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of a text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 9–10 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9- 10.9.	Compare and contrast findings presented in a text to those from other sources (including their own experiments), noting when the findings support or contradict previous explanations or accounts.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SLCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.4.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.3.	Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines or revises the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10). (See grades 11–12 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 11–12 standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11- 12.3.	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.

INDICATOR	L.11-12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.3.	Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where a text leaves matters uncertain.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.7.	Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, as well as in words) in order to address a question or solve a problem.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.8.	Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 11–12 texts and topics.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.8.	Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.9.	Synthesize information from a range of sources (e.g., texts, experiments, simulations) into a coherent understanding of a process, phenomenon, or concept, resolving conflicting information when possible.

FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the specific task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SLCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.4.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.3.	Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines or revises the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10). (See grades 11–12 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

INDICATOR W.11-12.3.b. Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL W.11-12.4. 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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR W.11-12.5.b. Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL W.11-12.6. Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL W.11-12.7. Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL W.11-12.8. When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL W.11-12.9. Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 11–12 standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.3.	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.

INDICATOR	L.11-12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.d.	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).

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-H.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.3.	Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where a text leaves matters uncertain.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.7.	Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, as well as in words) in order to address a question or solve a problem.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.8.	Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 11–12 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.8.	Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.9.	Synthesize information from a range of sources (e.g., texts, experiments, simulations) into a coherent understanding of a process, phenomenon, or concept, resolving conflicting information when possible.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the specific task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK-12.6.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

INDICATOR W.9-10.3.b. Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL W.9-10.4. 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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL W.9-10.5. Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR W.9-10.5.b. Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL W.9-10.6. Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL W.9-10.10. 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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL SL.9-10.1. Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]**

STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SLCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11- 12.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte’s Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SLCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte’s Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience’s knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK-12.6.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10. Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10. Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

**FOCUS /
COURSE** **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

**FOCUS /
COURSE** **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)

**FOCUS /
COURSE** **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]**

STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)

INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning

EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.

EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9- 10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9- 10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SLCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11- 12.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte’s Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience’s knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]**

STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SLCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11- 12.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte’s Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SLCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11- 12.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte’s Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience’s knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK-12.6.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10. Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10. Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]**

STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)

INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning

EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.

EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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Language Arts

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FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9- 10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9- 10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SLCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11- 12.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte’s Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience’s knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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**FOCUS /
COURSE** **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

**FOCUS /
COURSE** **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.4.	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.

**FOCUS /
COURSE** **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.2.	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.3.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.3.	Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9- 10.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another). (See grades 9–10 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)

FOCUS / COURSE **RI.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.

INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9- 10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9- 10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.9- 10.3.a.	Write and edit work so that it conforms to the guidelines in a style manual (e.g., MLA Handbook, Turabian's Manual for Writers) appropriate for the discipline and writing type.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-H.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information.

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-H.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]**

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history/social studies.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.6.	Compare the point of view of two or more authors for how they treat the same or similar topics, including which details they include and emphasize in their respective accounts.

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-H.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]**

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.7.	Integrate quantitative or technical analysis (e.g., charts, research data) with qualitative analysis in print or digital text.

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-H.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-ST.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9-10.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; trace a text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of a text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9- 10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 9–10 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.4.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.3.	Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9- 10.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another). (See grades 9–10 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.3.a.	Write and edit work so that it conforms to the guidelines in a style manual (e.g., MLA Handbook, Turabian's Manual for Writers) appropriate for the discipline and writing type.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history/social studies.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.9-10.6.	Compare the point of view of two or more authors for how they treat the same or similar topics, including which details they include and emphasize in their respective accounts.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.9-10.7.	Integrate quantitative or technical analysis (e.g., charts, research data) with qualitative analysis in print or digital text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9-10.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; trace a text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of a text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 9–10 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9- 10.9.	Compare and contrast findings presented in a text to those from other sources (including their own experiments), noting when the findings support or contradict previous explanations or accounts.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SLCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.4.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

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W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.

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W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.

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SL.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.

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COURSE**

L.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.3.	Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines or revises the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10). (See grades 11–12 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 11–12 standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.11-12. Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.11-12. Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Knowledge of Language

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11- 12.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11- 12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.3.	Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where a text leaves matters uncertain.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.7.	Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, as well as in words) in order to address a question or solve a problem.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.8.	Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.9.	Integrate information from diverse sources, both primary and secondary, into a coherent understanding of an idea or event, noting discrepancies among sources.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 11–12 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.8.	Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.9.	Synthesize information from a range of sources (e.g., texts, experiments, simulations) into a coherent understanding of a process, phenomenon, or concept, resolving conflicting information when possible.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.

INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.

INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

**FOCUS /
COURSE** **WCA.11-
12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.

INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.

INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.

INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

**FOCUS /
COURSE** **WCA.11-
12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the specific task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SLCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.4.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.3.	Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines or revises the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10). (See grades 11–12 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)

FOCUS / COURSE **RI.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 11–12 standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11- 12.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's <i>Artful Sentences</i>) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11- 12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.3.	Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where a text leaves matters uncertain.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.7.	Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, as well as in words) in order to address a question or solve a problem.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.8.	Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.9.	Integrate information from diverse sources, both primary and secondary, into a coherent understanding of an idea or event, noting discrepancies among sources.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 11–12 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.8.	Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.9.	Synthesize information from a range of sources (e.g., texts, experiments, simulations) into a coherent understanding of a process, phenomenon, or concept, resolving conflicting information when possible.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the specific task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]**

STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]**

STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.3.	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.

INDICATOR	L.9-10.3.a.	Write and edit work so that it conforms to the guidelines in a style manual (e.g., MLA Handbook, Turabian's Manual for Writers) appropriate for the discipline and writing type.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10. Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.3.a.	Write and edit work so that it conforms to the guidelines in a style manual (e.g., MLA Handbook, Turabian's Manual for Writers) appropriate for the discipline and writing type.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.9.	Compare and contrast findings presented in a text to those from other sources (including their own experiments), noting when the findings support or contradict previous explanations or accounts.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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Language Arts

Grade 11 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]

STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.7.	Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, as well as in words) in order to address a question or solve a problem.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.9.	Integrate information from diverse sources, both primary and secondary, into a coherent understanding of an idea or event, noting discrepancies among sources.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.8.	Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.11-12.9.	Synthesize information from a range of sources (e.g., texts, experiments, simulations) into a coherent understanding of a process, phenomenon, or concept, resolving conflicting information when possible.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the specific task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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Grade 12 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.

**FOCUS /
COURSE** **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.10.	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.

**FOCUS /
COURSE** **SL.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

**FOCUS /
COURSE** **L.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Knowledge of Language

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11- 12.3.	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.

INDICATOR	L.11- 12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.

**FOCUS /
COURSE** **RCA-
H.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]**

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.7.	Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, as well as in words) in order to address a question or solve a problem.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.9.	Integrate information from diverse sources, both primary and secondary, into a coherent understanding of an idea or event, noting discrepancies among sources.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.8.	Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.9.	Synthesize information from a range of sources (e.g., texts, experiments, simulations) into a coherent understanding of a process, phenomenon, or concept, resolving conflicting information when possible.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.7.	Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.8.	When conducting research, gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the specific task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE SL.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE L.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE W.9-10. Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)

INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9- 10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9- 10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte’s Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SLCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11- 12.3.	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.

INDICATOR	L.11-12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK.12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK.12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK-12.6.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]**

STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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Grade 10 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.b.	Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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Language Arts

Grade 11 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE SL.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Knowledge of Language

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11- 12.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SLCA.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SLCA.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.3.	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.

INDICATOR	L.11-12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.a.	Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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Grade 9 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.4.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.2.	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.3.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.3.	Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9- 10.9.	Analyze seminal documents of historical and literary significance (e.g., Washington's Farewell Address, Lincoln's Second Inaugural and Gettysburg Addresses, Roosevelt's Four Freedoms speech, King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail"), including how they address related themes and concepts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.9.	Analyze how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.3.	Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9- 10.9.	Analyze seminal documents of historical and literary significance (e.g., Washington's Farewell Address, Lincoln's Second Inaugural and Gettysburg Addresses, Roosevelt's Four Freedoms speech, King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail"), including how they address related themes and concepts.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR W.9-10.1.d. Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR W.9-10.2.e. Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

INDICATOR W.9-10.3.b. Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL W.9-10.4. 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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR W.9-10.5.b. Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9- 10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9- 10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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R.PK-12.

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STRAND

Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD /
CONCEPT /
SKILL

R.PK-
12.1.

Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.

STANDARD /
CONCEPT /
SKILL

R.PK-
12.2.

Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

STANDARD /
CONCEPT /
SKILL

R.PK-
12.3.

Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

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R.PK-12.

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

STANDARD /
CONCEPT /
SKILL

R.PK-
12.9.

Analyze how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take.

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R.PK-12.

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND

Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to produce a complex account; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.3.	Analyze the impact of the author's choices regarding how to develop and relate elements of a story, poem, or drama (e.g., where a story is set, how the action is ordered, how the characters are introduced and developed).
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.9.	Demonstrate knowledge of eighteenth, nineteenth and early-twentieth century foundational works of American literature, including how two or more texts from the same period treat similar themes or topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.9.	Analyze pre-twentieth-century documents of historical and literary significance (e.g., the Magna Carta, the Declaration of Independence, the Declaration of the Rights of Man, the Preamble to the Constitution, the Bill of Rights) for their themes, purposes, and rhetorical features.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte’s Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word’s position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.9.	Analyze how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK-12.4.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **RL.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11-12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11-12.2.	Determine two or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to produce a complex account; provide an objective summary of a text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11-12.3.	Analyze the impact of the author's choices regarding how to develop and relate elements of a story, poem, or drama (e.g., where a story is set, how the action is ordered, how the characters are introduced and developed).

FOCUS / COURSE **RL.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]**

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11-12.9.	Demonstrate knowledge of eighteenth, nineteenth and early-twentieth century foundational works of American literature, including how two or more texts from the same period treat similar themes or topics.

FOCUS / COURSE **RL.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE **RI.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]**

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.9.	Analyze pre-twentieth-century documents of historical and literary significance (e.g., the Magna Carta, the Declaration of Independence, the Declaration of the Rights of Man, the Preamble to the Constitution, the Bill of Rights) for their themes, purposes, and rhetorical features.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.11-12. Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.11-12. Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.3.	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.

INDICATOR	L.11-12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.11-12. Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SLCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.4.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.2.	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

STRAND		Knowledge of Language

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.3.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK-12.6.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **RL.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9-10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9-10.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9-10.3.	Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.

FOCUS / COURSE **RL.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE **RI.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]**

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.9.	Analyze seminal documents of historical and literary significance (e.g., Washington's Farewell Address, Lincoln's Second Inaugural and Gettysburg Addresses, Roosevelt's Four Freedoms speech, King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail"), including how they address related themes and concepts.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9- 10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9- 10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9- 10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word’s position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9- 10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.9.	Analyze how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9-10.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9-10.3.	Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.9.	Analyze seminal documents of historical and literary significance (e.g., Washington's Farewell Address, Lincoln's Second Inaugural and Gettysburg Addresses, Roosevelt's Four Freedoms speech, King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail"), including how they address related themes and concepts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.9- 10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks

Language Arts

Grade **11** - Adopted: **2017**

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.9.	Analyze how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to produce a complex account; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.3.	Analyze the impact of the author's choices regarding how to develop and relate elements of a story, poem, or drama (e.g., where a story is set, how the action is ordered, how the characters are introduced and developed).
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11-12.9.	Demonstrate knowledge of eighteenth, nineteenth and early-twentieth century foundational works of American literature, including how two or more texts from the same period treat similar themes or topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11-12.9.	Analyze pre-twentieth-century documents of historical and literary significance (e.g., the Magna Carta, the Declaration of Independence, the Declaration of the Rights of Man, the Preamble to the Constitution, the Bill of Rights) for their themes, purposes, and rhetorical features.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte’s Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word’s position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
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FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.9.	Analyze how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take.

FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to produce a complex account; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.3.	Analyze the impact of the author's choices regarding how to develop and relate elements of a story, poem, or drama (e.g., where a story is set, how the action is ordered, how the characters are introduced and developed).
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.9.	Demonstrate knowledge of eighteenth, nineteenth and early-twentieth century foundational works of American literature, including how two or more texts from the same period treat similar themes or topics.

FOCUS / COURSE **RL.11-12. Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE **RI.11-12. Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]**

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11-12.9.	Analyze pre-twentieth-century documents of historical and literary significance (e.g., the Magna Carta, the Declaration of Independence, the Declaration of the Rights of Man, the Preamble to the Constitution, the Bill of Rights) for their themes, purposes, and rhetorical features.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.3.	Write narratives to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.4.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.2.	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.3.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.3.	Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9- 10.9.	Analyze seminal documents of historical and literary significance (e.g., Washington's Farewell Address, Lincoln's Second Inaugural and Gettysburg Addresses, Roosevelt's Four Freedoms speech, King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail"), including how they address related themes and concepts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning

EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks

Language Arts

Grade 10 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.9.	Analyze how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.3.	Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9- 10.9.	Analyze seminal documents of historical and literary significance (e.g., Washington's Farewell Address, Lincoln's Second Inaugural and Gettysburg Addresses, Roosevelt's Four Freedoms speech, King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail"), including how they address related themes and concepts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR W.9-10.2.e. Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL W.9-10.4. 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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR W.9-10.5.b. Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL W.9-10.6. Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL W.9-10.9. Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL W.9-10.10. 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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word’s position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks

Language Arts

Grade 11 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.9.	Analyze how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to produce a complex account; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.3.	Analyze the impact of the author's choices regarding how to develop and relate elements of a story, poem, or drama (e.g., where a story is set, how the action is ordered, how the characters are introduced and developed).
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11-12.9.	Demonstrate knowledge of eighteenth, nineteenth and early-twentieth century foundational works of American literature, including how two or more texts from the same period treat similar themes or topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11-12.9.	Analyze pre-twentieth-century documents of historical and literary significance (e.g., the Magna Carta, the Declaration of Independence, the Declaration of the Rights of Man, the Preamble to the Constitution, the Bill of Rights) for their themes, purposes, and rhetorical features.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.3.	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.

INDICATOR L.11-12.3.a. Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

INDICATOR L.11-12.4.a. Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

INDICATOR L.11-12.4.d. 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).

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.

INDICATOR WCA.11-12.1.c. Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.

INDICATOR WCA.11-12.1.d. Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.

INDICATOR WCA.11-12.2.b. Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR WCA.11-12.2.c. Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.

INDICATOR WCA.11-12.2.d. Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.9.	Analyze how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to produce a complex account; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.3.	Analyze the impact of the author's choices regarding how to develop and relate elements of a story, poem, or drama (e.g., where a story is set, how the action is ordered, how the characters are introduced and developed).
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.9.	Demonstrate knowledge of eighteenth, nineteenth and early-twentieth century foundational works of American literature, including how two or more texts from the same period treat similar themes or topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.9.	Analyze pre-twentieth-century documents of historical and literary significance (e.g., the Magna Carta, the Declaration of Independence, the Declaration of the Rights of Man, the Preamble to the Constitution, the Bill of Rights) for their themes, purposes, and rhetorical features.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.

INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

**FOCUS /
COURSE** **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.

INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

**FOCUS /
COURSE** **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)

**FOCUS /
COURSE** **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.11- 12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).

**FOCUS /
COURSE** **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11- 12.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's <i>Artful Sentences</i>) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11- 12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SLCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.2.	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

STRAND		Knowledge of Language

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.3.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK-12.6.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **RL.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9-10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9-10.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9-10.3.	Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.

FOCUS / COURSE **RL.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE **RI.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]**

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.9.	Analyze seminal documents of historical and literary significance (e.g., Washington's Farewell Address, Lincoln's Second Inaugural and Gettysburg Addresses, Roosevelt's Four Freedoms speech, King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail"), including how they address related themes and concepts.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.6.	Assess how point of view or purpose shapes the content and style of a text.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.9.	Analyze how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take.

FOCUS / COURSE R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.3.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.3.	Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9- 10.9.	Analyze seminal documents of historical and literary significance (e.g., Washington's Farewell Address, Lincoln's Second Inaugural and Gettysburg Addresses, Roosevelt's Four Freedoms speech, King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail"), including how they address related themes and concepts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.6.	Assess how point of view or purpose shapes the content and style of a text.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.9.	Analyze how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.3.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to produce a complex account; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.3.	Analyze the impact of the author's choices regarding how to develop and relate elements of a story, poem, or drama (e.g., where a story is set, how the action is ordered, how the characters are introduced and developed).
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11-12.9.	Demonstrate knowledge of eighteenth, nineteenth and early-twentieth century foundational works of American literature, including how two or more texts from the same period treat similar themes or topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11-12.9.	Analyze pre-twentieth-century documents of historical and literary significance (e.g., the Magna Carta, the Declaration of Independence, the Declaration of the Rights of Man, the Preamble to the Constitution, the Bill of Rights) for their themes, purposes, and rhetorical features.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.3.	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.

INDICATOR	L.11-12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.d.	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).

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.3.	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.6.	Assess how point of view or purpose shapes the content and style of a text.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.9.	Analyze how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.3.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to produce a complex account; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.3.	Analyze the impact of the author's choices regarding how to develop and relate elements of a story, poem, or drama (e.g., where a story is set, how the action is ordered, how the characters are introduced and developed).
FOCUS / COURSE	RL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11- 12.9.	Demonstrate knowledge of eighteenth, nineteenth and early-twentieth century foundational works of American literature, including how two or more texts from the same period treat similar themes or topics.

FOCUS / COURSE **RL.11-12. Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literature [RL]**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RL.11-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary texts representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE **RI.11-12. Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]**

STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11-12.9.	Analyze pre-twentieth-century documents of historical and literary significance (e.g., the Magna Carta, the Declaration of Independence, the Declaration of the Rights of Man, the Preamble to the Constitution, the Bill of Rights) for their themes, purposes, and rhetorical features.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11- 12.3.	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.

INDICATOR	L.11-12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11 -12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.1.	Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.2.	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.3.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.3.	Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9- 10.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another). (See grades 9–10 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)

FOCUS / COURSE **RI.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.a.	Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.

INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly, supplying evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns.

INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.

INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]**

STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.

EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-H.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information.

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-H.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]**

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history/social studies.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.6.	Compare the point of view of two or more authors for how they treat the same or similar topics, including which details they include and emphasize in their respective accounts.

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-H.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9-10.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; trace a text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of a text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9- 10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 9–10 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.a.	Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims/critiques, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among the claim(s), counterclaims/critiques, reasons, and evidence.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques fairly, supplying data and evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques in a discipline-appropriate form and in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from or supports the argument presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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Language Arts

Grade 10 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE

R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND

Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD /
CONCEPT /
SKILL

R.PK-
12.2.

Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

FOCUS / COURSE

R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND

Craft and Structure

STANDARD /
CONCEPT /
SKILL

R.PK-
12.4.

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.

FOCUS / COURSE

R.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

STRAND

Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD /
CONCEPT /
SKILL

R.PK-
12.10.

Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE

W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND

Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.1.	Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.3.	Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another). (See grades 9–10 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.a.	Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly, supplying evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9- 10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9- 10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9- 10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word’s position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history/social studies.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.6.	Compare the point of view of two or more authors for how they treat the same or similar topics, including which details they include and emphasize in their respective accounts.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; trace a text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of a text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 9–10 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.

INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.a.	Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims/critiques, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among the claim(s), counterclaims/critiques, reasons, and evidence.

INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques fairly, supplying data and evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques in a discipline-appropriate form and in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns.

INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.

INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from or supports the argument presented.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.

INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.

INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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Grade 11 - Adopted: 2017

**FOCUS /
COURSE** **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.1.	Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.3.	Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines or revises the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10). (See grades 11–12 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.a.	Introduce precise, knowledgeable claim(s), establish the significance of the claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that logically sequences claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly and thoroughly, supplying the most relevant evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11- 12.3.	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.

INDICATOR	L.11-12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.3.	Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where a text leaves matters uncertain.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.8.	Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 11–12 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.a.	Introduce precise, knowledgeable claim(s), establish the significance of the claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that logically sequences the claim(s), counterclaims/critiques, reasons, and evidence.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques fairly and thoroughly, supplying the most relevant data and evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques in a discipline-appropriate form that anticipates the audience's knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from or supports the argument presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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Language Arts

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FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.1.	Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.3.	Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines or revises the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10). (See grades 11–12 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)

**FOCUS /
COURSE** **RI.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

**FOCUS /
COURSE** **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.a.	Introduce precise, knowledgeable claim(s), establish the significance of the claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that logically sequences claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly and thoroughly, supplying the most relevant evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.11-12. Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.11-12. Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.11-12. Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.d.	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).

FOCUS / COURSE **RCA-H.11-12. Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.3.	Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where a text leaves matters uncertain.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.8.	Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 11–12 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.a.	Introduce precise, knowledgeable claim(s), establish the significance of the claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that logically sequences the claim(s), counterclaims/critiques, reasons, and evidence.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques fairly and thoroughly, supplying the most relevant data and evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques in a discipline-appropriate form that anticipates the audience's knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from or supports the argument presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.1.	Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.a.	Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly, supplying evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9- 10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9- 10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.a.	Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims/critiques, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among the claim(s), counterclaims/critiques, reasons, and evidence.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques fairly, supplying data and evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques in a discipline-appropriate form and in a manner that anticipates the audience’s knowledge level and concerns.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from or supports the argument presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.1.	Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.a.	Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly, supplying evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]**

STRAND		Conventions of Standard English

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.a.	Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims/critiques, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among the claim(s), counterclaims/critiques, reasons, and evidence.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques fairly, supplying data and evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques in a discipline-appropriate form and in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from or supports the argument presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.

INDICATOR	SLCA.9- 10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.1.	Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.a.	Introduce precise, knowledgeable claim(s), establish the significance of the claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that logically sequences claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly and thoroughly, supplying the most relevant evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11- 12.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte’s Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.a.	Introduce precise, knowledgeable claim(s), establish the significance of the claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that logically sequences the claim(s), counterclaims/critiques, reasons, and evidence.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques fairly and thoroughly, supplying the most relevant data and evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques in a discipline-appropriate form that anticipates the audience’s knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from or supports the argument presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SLCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.1.	Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.a.	Introduce precise, knowledgeable claim(s), establish the significance of the claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that logically sequences claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly and thoroughly, supplying the most relevant evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.3.	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.

INDICATOR	L.11-12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.a.	Introduce precise, knowledgeable claim(s), establish the significance of the claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that logically sequences the claim(s), counterclaims/critiques, reasons, and evidence.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques fairly and thoroughly, supplying the most relevant data and evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques in a discipline-appropriate form that anticipates the audience's knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from or supports the argument presented.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.1.	Read closely to determine what a text states explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.7.	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.1.	Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.2.	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.3.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.3.	Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9- 10.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another). (See grades 9–10 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.a.	Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly, supplying evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history/social studies.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.9-10.6.	Compare the point of view of two or more authors for how they treat the same or similar topics, including which details they include and emphasize in their respective accounts.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9-10.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; trace a text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of a text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 9–10 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.a.	Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims/critiques, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among the claim(s), counterclaims/critiques, reasons, and evidence.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques fairly, supplying data and evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques in a discipline-appropriate form and in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from or supports the argument presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.4.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.1.	Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of a text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9-10.3.	Analyze how an author unfolds an analysis or series of ideas or events, including the order in which the points are made, how they are introduced and developed, and the presence or absence of connections between them.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9- 10.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative or contradictory impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper; how an author's word choice varies from one part of a text to another). (See grades 9–10 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.a.	Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly, supplying evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research, applying one or more grades 9–10 Standards for Reading Literature or Reading Informational Text as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9- 10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9- 10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9- 10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9- 10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9- 10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9–10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history/social studies.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.6.	Compare the point of view of two or more authors for how they treat the same or similar topics, including which details they include and emphasize in their respective accounts.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.9-10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-ST.9-10.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; trace a text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of a text.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9- 10.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 9–10 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.9- 10.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.a.	Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims/critiques, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among the claim(s), counterclaims/critiques, reasons, and evidence.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques fairly, supplying data and evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques in a discipline-appropriate form and in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from or supports the argument presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9- 10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9- 10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9- 10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Craft and Structure

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.4.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **R.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.1.	Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language**

STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK-12.4.	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.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK-12.6.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **RI.11-12. Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]**

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11-12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11-12.2.	Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of a text.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11-12.3.	Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.

FOCUS / COURSE **RI.11-12. Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]**

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines or revises the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10). (See grades 11–12 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)

FOCUS / COURSE **RI.11-12. Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]**

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.a.	Introduce precise, knowledgeable claim(s), establish the significance of the claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that logically sequences claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly and thoroughly, supplying the most relevant evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Knowledge of Language

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11- 12.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11- 12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.3.	Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where a text leaves matters uncertain.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.8.	Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 11–12 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.a.	Introduce precise, knowledgeable claim(s), establish the significance of the claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that logically sequences the claim(s), counterclaims/critiques, reasons, and evidence.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques fairly and thoroughly, supplying the most relevant data and evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques in a discipline-appropriate form that anticipates the audience's knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from or supports the argument presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.2.	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.4.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	R.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	R.PK-12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.1.	Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.4.	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.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.PK- 12.6.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	RI.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]

STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.1.	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what a text states explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.2.	Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of a text.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.3.	Analyze a complex set of ideas or sequence of events and explain how specific individuals, ideas, or events interact and develop over the course of the text.

**FOCUS /
COURSE**

RI.11-12. Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]

STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning(s) of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines or revises the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10). (See grades 11–12 Language Standards 4–6 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading.)

**FOCUS /
COURSE**

RI.11-12. Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Informational Text [RI]

STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RI.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend literary nonfiction representing a variety of genres, cultures, and perspectives and exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.

**FOCUS /
COURSE**

W.11-12. Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.a.	Introduce precise, knowledgeable claim(s), establish the significance of the claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that logically sequences claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly and thoroughly, supplying the most relevant evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte’s Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11–12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word’s position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.4.d.	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).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA-H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA-H.11-12.2.	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.3.	Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where a text leaves matters uncertain.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11-12.8.	Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- H.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History/Social Studies [RCA-H]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- H.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend history/social studies texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Key Ideas and Details
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.1.	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.2.	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Craft and Structure
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.4.	Determine the meaning of general academic vocabulary as well as symbols, notation, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 11–12 texts and topics.
FOCUS / COURSE	RCA- ST.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: Science and Career and Technical Subjects [RCA-ST]
STRAND		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RCA- ST.11- 12.10.	Independently and proficiently read and comprehend science/technical texts exhibiting complexity appropriate for the grade/course.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.a.	Introduce precise, knowledgeable claim(s), establish the significance of the claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that logically sequences the claim(s), counterclaims/critiques, reasons, and evidence.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques fairly and thoroughly, supplying the most relevant data and evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques in a discipline-appropriate form that anticipates the audience's knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from or supports the argument presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.9.	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, interpretation, reflection, and research. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11- 12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11- 12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11- 12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.1.	Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.a.	Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly, supplying evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
INDICATOR	W.9- 10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]**

STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.9-10.** **Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.a.	Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims/critiques, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among the claim(s), counterclaims/critiques, reasons, and evidence.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques fairly, supplying data and evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques in a discipline-appropriate form and in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.

INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from or supports the argument presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.1.	Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.a.	Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly, supplying evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level and concerns.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.

FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.4.	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 are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9–10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SL.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 9–10 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure, Variety, and Meaning

EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.a.	Manipulate and rearrange clauses and phrases in sentences, paying attention to agreements of pronouns and their antecedents, logical use of verb tenses, and variety in sentence patterns.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.1.b.	Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, participial, prepositional) and clauses (independent, dependent, noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.a.	Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims/critiques, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among the claim(s), counterclaims/critiques, reasons, and evidence.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques fairly, supplying data and evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques in a discipline-appropriate form and in a manner that anticipates the audience’s knowledge level and concerns.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from or supports the argument presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.9-10.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 9–10 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.b.	Work with peers to set rules for collegial discussions and decision-making (e.g., informal consensus, taking votes on key issues, presentation of alternate views), clear goals and deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.c.	Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
INDICATOR	SLCA.9-10.1.d.	Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives, summarize points of agreement and disagreement, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views and understanding and make new connections in light of the evidence and reasoning presented.

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FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.1.	Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.PK-12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK- 12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SL.PK- 12.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening
STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK- 12.1.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11- 12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.a.	Introduce precise, knowledgeable claim(s), establish the significance of the claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that logically sequences claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly and thoroughly, supplying the most relevant evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases.
INDICATOR	W.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.3.	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.

INDICATOR	L.11-12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.

FOCUS / COURSE **WCA.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.a.	Introduce precise, knowledgeable claim(s), establish the significance of the claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that logically sequences the claim(s), counterclaims/critiques, reasons, and evidence.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques fairly and thoroughly, supplying the most relevant data and evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques in a discipline-appropriate form that anticipates the audience's knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.

INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from or supports the argument presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

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FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.1.	Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

FOCUS / COURSE W.PK-12. College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.PK-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.PK-12.** **College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.PK-12.1.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.1.	Write arguments (e.g., essays, letters to the editor, advocacy speeches) to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.a.	Introduce precise, knowledgeable claim(s), establish the significance of the claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that logically sequences claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly and thoroughly, supplying the most relevant evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions and syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.4.	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 are defined in standards 1–3 above.)

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to select accurate vocabulary appropriate for audience, purpose, and style (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grades 11–12).

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

FOCUS / COURSE **W.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]**

STRAND		Range of Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.10.	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.

FOCUS / COURSE **SL.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards [SL]**

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SL.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 11–12 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Literature Standard 1 and Reading Informational Text Standard 1 for specific expectations regarding the use of textual evidence.)

INDICATOR	SL.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE **L.11-12.** **Grades 11–12 Language [L]**

STRAND		Knowledge of Language

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11- 12.3.	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.
INDICATOR	L.11- 12.3.a.	Vary syntax for effect, consulting references (e.g., Tufte's Artful Sentences) for guidance as needed; apply an understanding of syntax to the study of complex texts when reading.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.1.	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.a.	Introduce precise, knowledgeable claim(s), establish the significance of the claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that logically sequences the claim(s), counterclaims/critiques, reasons, and evidence.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.b.	Develop claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques fairly and thoroughly, supplying the most relevant data and evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques in a discipline-appropriate form that anticipates the audience's knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.c.	Use words, phrases, and clauses with precision as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims/critiques.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.d.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.1.e.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from or supports the argument presented.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.b.	Develop the topic thoroughly by selecting the most significant and relevant facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.c.	Use varied transitions and sentence structures to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships among complex ideas, concepts, or procedures.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.e.	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to audience and purpose (e.g., formal for academic writing) while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11- 12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]

STRAND		Range of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.10.	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.
FOCUS / COURSE	SLCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Speaking and Listening Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [SLCA]

STRAND		Comprehension and Collaboration
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	SLCA.11-12.1.	Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on discipline-specific topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas. (See grades 11–12 Reading Standard 1 for more on the use of textual evidence.)
INDICATOR	SLCA.11-12.1.b.	Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and deadlines, and establish individual roles as needed.