

Main Criteria: Medieval History-Based Writing Lessons

Secondary Criteria: Washington DC Academic Standards

Subject: Language Arts

Grades: 6, 7, 8

Medieval History-Based Writing Lessons

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. RI. **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. RI. **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. RI. **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.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.)
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, sequencing ideas logically and using pertinent descriptions, facts, and details to accentuate main ideas or themes; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. L.	Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
EXPECTATION	6.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
EXPECTATION	6.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.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.)
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

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DC.CC.7. L.

Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

EXPECTATION	7.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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EXPECTATION	7.L.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).
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DC.CC.7. L.

Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. RI.

Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RI.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. RI.

Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.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.)
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
EXPECTATION	8.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
EXPECTATION	8.L.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).

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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DC.CC.6. RI. Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

EXPECTATION	6.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
EXPECTATION	6.W.9.b.	Apply grade 6 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.6.L.** **Language Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

EXPECTATION	6.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.6.L.** **Language Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

EXPECTATION	6.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
EXPECTATION	6.L.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).

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Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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**DC.CC.7.
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Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
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**DC.CC.7.
RI.**

Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
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Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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EXPECTATION	7.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

EXPECTATION	7.W.9.b.	Apply grade 7 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

EXPECTATION	7.L.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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DC.CC.7.L. **Language Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

EXPECTATION	7.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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EXPECTATION	7.L.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).
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7.L. **Language Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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DC.CC.8.RI. **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RI.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. RI. Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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EXPECTATION	8.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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EXPECTATION	8.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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EXPECTATION	8.W.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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EXPECTATION	8.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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EXPECTATION	8.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.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.)
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. Writing Standards

W.

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. Writing Standards

W.

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. Speaking and Listening Standards

SL.

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
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EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. Speaking and Listening Standards

SL.

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

EXPECTATION 8.L.1.d. Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.

**CONTENT
STANDARD /
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**DC.CC.8.
L.** **Language Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

EXPECTATION 8.L.4.a. Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

EXPECTATION 8.L.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).

**CONTENT
STANDARD /
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DISCIPLINE**

**DC.CC.8.
L.** **Language Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. RI. Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. RI. Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. RI. Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

EXPECTATION	6.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
EXPECTATION	6.W.9.b.	Apply grade 6 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

EXPECTATION	6.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
EXPECTATION	6.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

EXPECTATION	7.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.7. W.** **Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.7. W.** **Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

EXPECTATION	7.W.9.b.	Apply grade 7 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7.W. **Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7.SL. **Speaking and Listening Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
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EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7.SL. **Speaking and Listening Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

EXPECTATION	7.L.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

EXPECTATION	7.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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EXPECTATION	7.L.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).
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RI.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.

EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
EXPECTATION	8.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
EXPECTATION	8.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.6. RI.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.6. RI.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.6. RI.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.6. W.** **Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

EXPECTATION	6.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.6. W.** **Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.6. W.** **Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

EXPECTATION	6.W.9.b.	Apply grade 6 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
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EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

EXPECTATION	6.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
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EXPECTATION	6.L.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

EXPECTATION 6.L.2.a. Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.6.L.** **Language Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

EXPECTATION 6.L.4.a. Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

EXPECTATION 6.L.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).

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.6.L.** **Language Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.7.RI.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL 7.RI.1. Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.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.)

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
EXPECTATION	7.W.9.b.	Apply grade 7 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
EXPECTATION	7.L.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
EXPECTATION	7.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
EXPECTATION	7.L.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).

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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DC.CC.8. RI. Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RI.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. RI. Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

EXPECTATION

8.W.2.a. Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

EXPECTATION	8.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

EXPECTATION	8.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
EXPECTATION	8.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RL.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RL.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RL.3.	Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RL.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RL.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
EXPECTATION	6.W.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.
EXPECTATION	6.W.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
EXPECTATION	6.W.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.
EXPECTATION	6.W.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

EXPECTATION 6.L.2.a. Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.6.L.** **Language Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

EXPECTATION 6.L.4.a. Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

EXPECTATION 6.L.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).

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.6.L.** **Language Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.7.RL.** **Reading Standards for Literature**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL 7.RL.1. Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RL.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RL.5.	Analyze how a drama's or poem's form or structure (e.g., soliloquy, sonnet) contributes to its meaning.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RL.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
EXPECTATION	7.W.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
EXPECTATION	7.W.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.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.)

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
EXPECTATION	7.L.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
EXPECTATION	7.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
EXPECTATION	7.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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DC.CC.8. Reading Standards for Literature RL.

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RL.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. Reading Standards for Literature RL.

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RL.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. Reading Standards for Literature RL.

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RL.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. Writing Standards W.

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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EXPECTATION	8.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. Writing Standards W.

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
EXPECTATION	8.W.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events.
EXPECTATION	8.W.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
EXPECTATION	8.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

EXPECTATION	8.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RL.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RL.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RL.3.	Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RL.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. RL. Reading Standards for Literature

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RL.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
EXPECTATION	6.W.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.
EXPECTATION	6.W.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
EXPECTATION	6.W.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.
EXPECTATION	6.W.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
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EXPECTATION	6.L.2.a.	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6.L. **Language Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
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EXPECTATION	6.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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EXPECTATION	6.L.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).
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6.L. **Language Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7.RL. **Reading Standards for Literature**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RL.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RL.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. RL. Reading Standards for Literature

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RL.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
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EXPECTATION	7.W.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
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EXPECTATION	7.W.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.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.)
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
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EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
EXPECTATION	7.L.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
EXPECTATION	7.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
EXPECTATION	7.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RL.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.RL.	Reading Standards for Literature

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RL.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RL.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
EXPECTATION	8.W.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events.
EXPECTATION	8.W.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.

EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
EXPECTATION	8.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
EXPECTATION	8.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Reading Standards for Literature

**STANDARD /
ESSENTIAL
SKILL**

Key Ideas and Details

STUDENT
EXPECTATION /
ESSENTIAL
SKILL

6.RL.1.

Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

STUDENT
EXPECTATION /
ESSENTIAL
SKILL

6.RL.2.

Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.

STUDENT
EXPECTATION /
ESSENTIAL
SKILL

6.RL.3.

Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.

**CONTENT
STANDARD /
STRAND /
DISCIPLINE**

**DC.CC.6.
RL.**

Reading Standards for Literature

**STANDARD /
ESSENTIAL
SKILL**

Craft and Structure

STUDENT
EXPECTATION /
ESSENTIAL
SKILL

6.RL.5.

Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.

**CONTENT
STANDARD /
STRAND /
DISCIPLINE**

**DC.CC.6.
RL.**

Reading Standards for Literature

**STANDARD /
ESSENTIAL
SKILL**

Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RL.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
EXPECTATION	6.W.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.
EXPECTATION	6.W.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
EXPECTATION	6.W.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.
EXPECTATION	6.W.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6.SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6.L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6.L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	6.L.2.a.	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6.L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

EXPECTATION	6.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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EXPECTATION	6.L.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).
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RL.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RL.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RL.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
EXPECTATION	7.W.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
EXPECTATION	7.W.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

EXPECTATION	7.L.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. L.

Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

EXPECTATION	7.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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EXPECTATION	7.L.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).
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. L.

Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. RL.

Reading Standards for Literature

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RL.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. RL.

Reading Standards for Literature

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RL.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RL.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
EXPECTATION	8.W.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events.
EXPECTATION	8.W.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.

EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
EXPECTATION	8.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
EXPECTATION	8.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RL.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RL.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RL.3.	Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RL.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RL.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
EXPECTATION	6.W.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.
EXPECTATION	6.W.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
EXPECTATION	6.W.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.
EXPECTATION	6.W.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6.SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6.L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6.L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	6.L.2.a.	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6.L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

EXPECTATION	6.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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EXPECTATION	6.L.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).
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RL.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RL.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RL.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
EXPECTATION	7.W.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
EXPECTATION	7.W.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

EXPECTATION	7.L.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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DC.CC.7. L.

Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

EXPECTATION	7.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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EXPECTATION	7.L.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).
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DC.CC.7. L.

Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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DC.CC.8. RL.

Reading Standards for Literature

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RL.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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DC.CC.8. RL.

Reading Standards for Literature

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RL.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RL.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
EXPECTATION	8.W.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events.
EXPECTATION	8.W.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.

EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
EXPECTATION	8.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
EXPECTATION	8.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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**DC.CC.6.
RI.**

Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
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**DC.CC.6.
RI.**

Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
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**DC.CC.6.
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Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
EXPECTATION	6.W.9.b.	Apply grade 6 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).

EXPECTATION	6.L.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

EXPECTATION	6.L.2.a.	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

EXPECTATION	6.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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EXPECTATION	6.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
EXPECTATION	7.W.9.b.	Apply grade 7 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
EXPECTATION	7.L.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
EXPECTATION	7.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

EXPECTATION	7.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RI.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

EXPECTATION	8.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

EXPECTATION	8.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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EXPECTATION	8.L.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).
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. L.	Language Standards
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. RI. Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. RI. Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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EXPECTATION	6.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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EXPECTATION	6.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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EXPECTATION	6.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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EXPECTATION	6.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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EXPECTATION	6.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
EXPECTATION	6.W.9.b.	Apply grade 6 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.

EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	6.L.2.a.	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
EXPECTATION	6.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
EXPECTATION	6.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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EXPECTATION	7.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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EXPECTATION	7.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
EXPECTATION	7.W.9.b.	Apply grade 7 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
EXPECTATION	7.L.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
EXPECTATION	7.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
EXPECTATION	7.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RI.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

EXPECTATION	8.L.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
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EXPECTATION	8.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

EXPECTATION	8.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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EXPECTATION	8.L.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).
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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DC.CC.6. RI. Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

EXPECTATION	6.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
EXPECTATION	6.W.9.b.	Apply grade 6 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6.SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6.L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6.L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	6.L.2.a.	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6.L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

EXPECTATION	6.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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EXPECTATION	6.L.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).
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
EXPECTATION	7.W.9.b.	Apply grade 7 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

EXPECTATION	7.L.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

EXPECTATION	7.L.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

EXPECTATION	7.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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EXPECTATION	7.L.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).
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DC.CC.7. Language Standards

L.

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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DC.CC.8. Reading Standards for Informational Text

RI.

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RI.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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DC.CC.8. Reading Standards for Informational Text

RI.

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
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DC.CC.8. Writing Standards

W.

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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EXPECTATION	8.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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EXPECTATION	8.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
EXPECTATION	8.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
EXPECTATION	8.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
EXPECTATION	6.W.9.b.	Apply grade 6 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.

EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	6.L.2.a.	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
EXPECTATION	6.L.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

EXPECTATION	6.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
EXPECTATION	6.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

EXPECTATION	7.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.7. W.** **Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.7. W.** **Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

EXPECTATION	7.W.9.b.	Apply grade 7 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
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EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	7.L.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
EXPECTATION	7.L.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
EXPECTATION	7.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
EXPECTATION	7.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RI.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.

EXPECTATION	8.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
EXPECTATION	8.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

EXPECTATION	8.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
EXPECTATION	6.W.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.
EXPECTATION	6.W.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
EXPECTATION	6.W.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.
EXPECTATION	6.W.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.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.)

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

EXPECTATION 6.L.2.a. Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

EXPECTATION 6.L.3.a. Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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DC.CC.7. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

EXPECTATION 7.W.3.c. Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.

EXPECTATION	7.W.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	7.L.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
EXPECTATION	7.L.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

EXPECTATION 8.W.2.b. Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

EXPECTATION 8.W.3.c. Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events.

EXPECTATION 8.W.3.e. Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL 8.W.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.)

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
EXPECTATION	6.W.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.

EXPECTATION	6.W.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
EXPECTATION	6.W.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.
EXPECTATION	6.W.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	6.L.2.a.	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
EXPECTATION	6.L.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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**DC.CC.7.
W.** **Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

EXPECTATION	7.W.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
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EXPECTATION	7.W.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
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**CONTENT
STANDARD /
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**DC.CC.7.
W.** **Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.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.)
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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STANDARD /
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**DC.CC.7.
W.** **Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. Writing Standards

W.

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. Speaking and Listening Standards

SL.

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
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EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. Speaking and Listening Standards

SL.

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. Language Standards

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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	7.L.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
EXPECTATION	7.L.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.W.	Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

EXPECTATION	8.W.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events.
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EXPECTATION	8.W.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.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.)
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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**DC.CC.6.
W.**

Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

EXPECTATION	6.W.3.a.	Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.
EXPECTATION	6.W.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
EXPECTATION	6.W.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.
EXPECTATION	6.W.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.

**CONTENT
STANDARD /
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DISCIPLINE**

**DC.CC.6.
W.**

Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

**CONTENT
STANDARD /
STRAND /
DISCIPLINE**

**DC.CC.6.
W.**

Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	6.L.2.a.	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
EXPECTATION	6.L.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
EXPECTATION	7.W.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
EXPECTATION	7.W.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.W.	Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	7.L.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
EXPECTATION	7.L.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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**DC.CC.8.
W.** **Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

EXPECTATION	8.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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STANDARD /
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**DC.CC.8.
W.** **Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

EXPECTATION	8.W.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events.
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EXPECTATION	8.W.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
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**CONTENT
STANDARD /
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**DC.CC.8.
W.** **Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.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.)

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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STANDARD /
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**DC.CC.8.
W.** **Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

EXPECTATION	8.L.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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DC.CC.6. RI. Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. RI. Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. RI. Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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EXPECTATION	6.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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EXPECTATION	6.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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EXPECTATION	6.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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EXPECTATION	6.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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EXPECTATION	6.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
EXPECTATION	6.W.9.b.	Apply grade 6 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	6.L.2.a.	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
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EXPECTATION	6.L.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
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EXPECTATION	6.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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EXPECTATION	6.L.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).
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. RI. Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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EXPECTATION	7.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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EXPECTATION	7.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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EXPECTATION	7.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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EXPECTATION	7.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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EXPECTATION	7.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.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.)
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. Writing Standards

W.

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. Writing Standards

W.

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

EXPECTATION	7.W.9.b.	Apply grade 7 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. Writing Standards

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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. Speaking and Listening Standards

SL.

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	7.L.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
EXPECTATION	7.L.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

EXPECTATION	7.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
EXPECTATION	7.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RI.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
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EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
EXPECTATION	8.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
EXPECTATION	8.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

EXPECTATION	6.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
EXPECTATION	6.W.9.b.	Apply grade 6 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
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EXPECTATION 6.L.2.a. Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.6.L.** **Language Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
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EXPECTATION 6.L.3.a. Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.6.L.** **Language Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
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EXPECTATION 6.L.4.a. Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

EXPECTATION 6.L.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).

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.6.L.** **Language Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL 6.L.6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.7.RI.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
EXPECTATION	7.W.9.b.	Apply grade 7 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	7.L.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

EXPECTATION	7.L.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

EXPECTATION	7.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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EXPECTATION	7.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RI.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
EXPECTATION	8.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
EXPECTATION	8.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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DC.CC.6. RI. Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. RI. Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. RI. Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

EXPECTATION	6.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
EXPECTATION	6.W.9.b.	Apply grade 6 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).

EXPECTATION	6.L.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	6.L.2.a.	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
EXPECTATION	6.L.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
EXPECTATION	6.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
EXPECTATION	6.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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EXPECTATION	7.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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EXPECTATION	7.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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EXPECTATION	7.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
EXPECTATION	7.W.9.b.	Apply grade 7 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.W.	Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	7.L.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.

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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

EXPECTATION	7.L.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

EXPECTATION	7.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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EXPECTATION	7.L.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).
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Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RI.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.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.)

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.

EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
EXPECTATION	8.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
EXPECTATION	8.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
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**DC.CC.6.
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Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
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**DC.CC.6.
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Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
EXPECTATION	6.W.9.b.	Apply grade 6 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	6.L.2.a.	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
EXPECTATION	6.L.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
EXPECTATION	6.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
EXPECTATION	6.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions for further research and investigation.

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
EXPECTATION	7.W.9.b.	Apply grade 7 reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g. "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

EXPECTATION	7.L.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

EXPECTATION	7.L.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

EXPECTATION	7.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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EXPECTATION	7.L.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).
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DC.CC.7. Language Standards

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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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DC.CC.8. Reading Standards for Informational Text

RI.

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RI.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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DC.CC.8. Reading Standards for Informational Text

RI.

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
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DC.CC.8. Writing Standards

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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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EXPECTATION	8.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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EXPECTATION	8.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. L.

Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

EXPECTATION	8.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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EXPECTATION	8.L.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).
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Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

EXPECTATION	6.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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EXPECTATION	6.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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EXPECTATION	6.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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EXPECTATION	6.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
EXPECTATION	6.L.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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**DC.CC.7.
W. Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

EXPECTATION	7.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

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**DC.CC.7.
W. Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.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.)

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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**DC.CC.7.
W. Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. L.	Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

EXPECTATION 7.L.1.b. Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.7.L.** **Language Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

EXPECTATION 7.L.3.a. Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.7.L.** **Language Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL 7.L.6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.8.W.** **Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

EXPECTATION 8.W.2.a. Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

EXPECTATION	8.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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**DC.CC.6.
W. Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

EXPECTATION	6.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.

**CONTENT
STANDARD /
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**DC.CC.6.
W. Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. Writing Standards

W.

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. Writing Standards

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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. Speaking and Listening Standards

SL.

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
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EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. Language Standards

L.

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

EXPECTATION	6.L.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

EXPECTATION	7.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	7.L.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

EXPECTATION	7.L.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.

EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

EXPECTATION	6.L.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.

EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	7.L.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
EXPECTATION	7.L.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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DC.CC.8. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

EXPECTATION	8.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
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EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.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.)

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
EXPECTATION	6.L.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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DC.CC.7. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

EXPECTATION	7.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
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EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	7.L.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
EXPECTATION	7.L.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

EXPECTATION	8.W.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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**DC.CC.6.
W. Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

EXPECTATION 6.W.2.b. Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

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**DC.CC.6.
W. Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

EXPECTATION 6.W.3.a. Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.

EXPECTATION 6.W.3.c. Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.

EXPECTATION 6.W.3.d. Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.

EXPECTATION 6.W.3.e. Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.

**CONTENT
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**DC.CC.6.
W. Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.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.)

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. L.	Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

EXPECTATION	6.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
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EXPECTATION	6.L.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6.L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

EXPECTATION	6.L.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6.L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

EXPECTATION	6.L.4.c.	Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6.L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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DC.CC.7. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

EXPECTATION	7.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

EXPECTATION	7.W.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
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EXPECTATION	7.W.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.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.)
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. L.	Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

EXPECTATION 7.L.1.b. Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.7.L.** **Language Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

EXPECTATION 7.L.3.a. Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.7.L.** **Language Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

EXPECTATION 7.L.4.c. Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.7.L.** **Language Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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DC.CC.8. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

EXPECTATION	8.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

EXPECTATION	8.W.3.c.	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence, signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another, and show the relationships among experiences and events.
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EXPECTATION	8.W.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.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.)
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. L.	Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

EXPECTATION	8.L.1.a.	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.8. L.** **Language Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

EXPECTATION	8.L.4.c.	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.8. L.** **Language Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.6. W.** **Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
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EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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EXPECTATION	6.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
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EXPECTATION	6.L.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

EXPECTATION 6.L.3.a. Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.6.L.** **Language Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL 6.L.6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

EXPECTATION 7.W.2.a. Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

EXPECTATION 7.W.2.b. Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

EXPECTATION 7.W.2.c. Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.

EXPECTATION 7.W.2.d. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

EXPECTATION 7.W.2.f. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.7.W.** **Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	7.L.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
EXPECTATION	7.L.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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**DC.CC.8.
W.** **Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

EXPECTATION	8.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

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**DC.CC.8.
W.** **Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.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.)

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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**CONTENT
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**DC.CC.8.
W.** **Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

EXPECTATION	8.L.1.a.	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
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EXPECTATION	8.L.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
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EXPECTATION	8.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

EXPECTATION	6.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
EXPECTATION	6.L.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

EXPECTATION	6.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
EXPECTATION	6.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.3.	Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. RI.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

EXPECTATION	7.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.7. W.** **Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.7. W.** **Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions for further research and investigation.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
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EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	7.L.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
EXPECTATION	7.L.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
EXPECTATION	7.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
EXPECTATION	7.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. RI. Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RI.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. RI. Reading Standards for Informational Text

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RI.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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EXPECTATION	8.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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EXPECTATION	8.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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EXPECTATION	8.W.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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EXPECTATION	8.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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EXPECTATION	8.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.

EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.a.	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
EXPECTATION	8.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
EXPECTATION	8.L.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).

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. Language Standards

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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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DC.CC.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text

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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RI.7.	Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. Writing Standards

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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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EXPECTATION	6.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
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EXPECTATION	6.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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EXPECTATION	6.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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EXPECTATION	6.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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EXPECTATION	6.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.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.)
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
EXPECTATION	6.L.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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**DC.CC.7.
W. Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

EXPECTATION	7.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.c.	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

**CONTENT
STANDARD /
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**DC.CC.7.
W. Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.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.)

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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**DC.CC.7.
W. Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions for further research and investigation.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

EXPECTATION 7.L.1.b. Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.

**CONTENT
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**DC.CC.7.
L.** **Language Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

EXPECTATION 7.L.3.a. Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.

**CONTENT
STANDARD /
STRAND /
DISCIPLINE**

**DC.CC.7.
L.** **Language Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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**DC.CC.8.
W.** **Writing Standards**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
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EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
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EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.a.	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.6. RL.** **Reading Standards for Literature**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RL.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RL.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RL.3.	Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE **DC.CC.6. RL.** **Reading Standards for Literature**

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RL.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RL.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

EXPECTATION	6.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
EXPECTATION	6.L.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
EXPECTATION	6.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
EXPECTATION	6.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RL.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RL.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RL.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	7.L.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
EXPECTATION	7.L.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
EXPECTATION	7.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
EXPECTATION	7.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RL.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RL.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RL.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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EXPECTATION	8.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.a.	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
EXPECTATION	8.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
EXPECTATION	8.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RL.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RL.3.	Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RL.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RL.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	6.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

EXPECTATION	6.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
EXPECTATION	6.L.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
EXPECTATION	6.L.3.b.	Maintain consistency in style and tone.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RL.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RL.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	7.L.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

EXPECTATION 7.L.3.a. Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.7. L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL 7.L.6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. RL. Reading Standards for Literature

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL 8.RL.10. By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

EXPECTATION 8.W.2.b. Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.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.)
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.8. SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.a.	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. RL. Reading Standards for Literature

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RL.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RL.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RL.3.	Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. RL. Reading Standards for Literature

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RL.5.	Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. RL. Reading Standards for Literature

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.RL.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6. W. Writing Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

EXPECTATION	6.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.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.)
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.W.	Writing Standards
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6.SL. Speaking and Listening Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.c.	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
EXPECTATION	6.SL.1.d.	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6.L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
EXPECTATION	6.L.1.e.	Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6.L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
EXPECTATION	6.L.3.a.	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.

CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE

DC.CC.6.L. Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

EXPECTATION	6.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
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EXPECTATION	6.L.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).
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.6.L.	Language Standards
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	6.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RL.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RL.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).
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CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.RL.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	7.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.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.)
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.
EXPECTATION	7.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.7.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	7.L.1.b.	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.

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STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Knowledge of Language
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

EXPECTATION 7.L.3.a. Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.

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Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	7.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

EXPECTATION 7.L.4.a. Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

EXPECTATION 7.L.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).

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Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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STUDENT
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SKILL 7.L.6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Reading Standards for Literature

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Key Ideas and Details
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STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RL.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Craft and Structure
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RL.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. RL.	Reading Standards for Literature
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.RL.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Text Types and Purposes
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
EXPECTATION	8.W.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Production and Distribution of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.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.)

STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. W.	Writing Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Range of Writing
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.W.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8. SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Comprehension and Collaboration
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.a.	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.b.	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.c.	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.

EXPECTATION	8.SL.1.d.	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.SL.	Speaking and Listening Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.SL.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Conventions of Standard English
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.a.	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	8.L.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards
STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
EXPECTATION	8.L.4.a.	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
EXPECTATION	8.L.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).
CONTENT STANDARD / STRAND / DISCIPLINE	DC.CC.8.L.	Language Standards

STANDARD / ESSENTIAL SKILL		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STUDENT EXPECTATION / ESSENTIAL SKILL	8.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.