

Main Criteria: U.S. History-Based Writing Lessons

Secondary Criteria: New Mexico Content Standards

Subject: Language Arts

Grades: 6, 7, 8

U.S. History-Based Writing Lessons

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New Mexico Content Standards

Language Arts

Grade 6 - Adopted: 2012

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.2.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.3.	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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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.7.	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.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY W.6.4. 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.)

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.SL.6. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY SL.6.1. 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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR SL.6.1(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR SL.6.1(b) Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR SL.6.1(c) Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR SL.6.1(d) Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.SL.6. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY SL.6.4. 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.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.L.6. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY L.6.4. 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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
Vocabulary Acquisition and Use		
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.6.	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.
New Mexico Content Standards		
Language Arts		
Grade 7 - Adopted: 2012		
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
Key Ideas and Details		
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.3.	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).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
Craft and Structure		
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.4.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
Production and Distribution of Writing		

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.4.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.4.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.4.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.4(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.4(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).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY L.7.6. 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: 2012

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY W.8.4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY SL.8.1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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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**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY SL.8.4. Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY L.8.4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.2.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.7.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.2.	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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.4.	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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.9(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").
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.6.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(c)	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(d)	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.L.6. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(d)	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(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** **NM.L.6. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.4.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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** **NM.L.6. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.6.	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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**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.RI.7. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.3.	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).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.4.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.8.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.9(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").
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.4.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.3(a)	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.4.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.4(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.4(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.6.	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: 2012

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(c)	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(c)	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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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STANDARD** **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD** **NM.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.2.	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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.3.	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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STANDARD** **NM.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
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STANDARD** **NM.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.7.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.9(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended 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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.6.1.	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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(d)	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(d)	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.4.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.3.	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).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text

Craft and Structure		
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.4.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards

Research to Build and Present Knowledge		
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY		
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD		NM.W.7. Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.9(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").
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD		
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD		
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas	
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY SL.7.4. 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.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Knowledge of Language	
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.7.3(a) Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.4.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.7.4(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.7.4(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).

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(c)	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(c)	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY SL.8.4. Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.8.1(d) Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.8.4(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.8.4(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).

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.2.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD

NM.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD

NM.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.7.	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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NM.W.6. Writing Standards

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.5.	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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR W.6.9(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").

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended 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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.6. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.6.1.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(c)	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(d)	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.6. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(d)	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.6. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.2(a)	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.4.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.3.	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).

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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Craft and Structure		
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.4.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards

Research to Build and Present Knowledge		
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY		
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD		NM.W.7. Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.9(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").
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD		
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD		
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

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STANDARD** **NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas	
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY **SL.7.4.** 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.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Knowledge of Language	
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR **L.7.3(a)** Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.4.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR **L.7.4(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR **L.7.4(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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STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(c)	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(c)	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY SL.8.4. Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.8.1(d) Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.8.4(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.8.4(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).

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.6. Reading Standards for Literature	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Key Ideas and Details	
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.2.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.3.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.6. a.	Grade 6 students will analyze how a cultural work of literature, including oral tradition, draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types, and how the differing structure of the text contributes to society, past or present.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.6. Reading Standards for Literature	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Craft and Structure	
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.6. Reading Standards for Literature	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity	
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.10.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Text Types and Purposes	

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(c)	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(d)	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(e)	Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.6.1.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(c)	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(d)	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.6. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(d)	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.6. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.2(a)	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.6. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.4.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.7.	Reading Standards for Literature
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.7.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.7. a.	Grade 7 students will analyze how a cultural work of literature, including oral tradition, draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types, and how the differing structure of the text contributes to society, past or present.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.7. b.	Grade 7 students will analyze works of Hispanic and Native American text by showing how it reflects the heritage, traditions, attitudes, and beliefs of the author and how it applies to society.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.7. c.	Grade 7 students will use oral and written texts from various cultures to cite evidence that supports or negates understanding of a cultural value.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.7. Reading Standards for Literature
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.7.10.	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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.3(c)	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.3(e)	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.5.	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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.8.	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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.4.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7. Language Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.3(a)	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.

**STRAND /
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.4.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.4(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.4(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).

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.6.	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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**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.RL.8. Reading Standards for Literature**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.8. a.	Grade 8 students will analyze how a cultural work of literature, including oral tradition, draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types, and how the differing structure of the text contributes to society, past or present.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.8. b.	Grade 8 students will analyze works of Hispanic and Native American text by showing how it reflects the heritage, traditions, attitudes, and beliefs of the author and how it applies to society.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.8. c.	Grade 8 students will use oral or written texts from various cultures, cite textual evidence that supports or negates reader inference of a cultural value.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.8. Reading Standards for Literature	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.8. Reading Standards for Literature	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.8.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.8. C.	Grade 8 students will, by the end of the year, read and comprehend significant works of 18th, 19th, and 20th century literature including stories, dramas, and poems independently and proficiently.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.3(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.3(e)	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(c)	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.6. Reading Standards for Literature	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.2.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.3.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.6. a.	Grade 6 students will analyze how a cultural work of literature, including oral tradition, draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types, and how the differing structure of the text contributes to society, past or present.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.6. Reading Standards for Literature	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.5.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.6. Reading Standards for Literature	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.10.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(b)	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, and description, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(c)	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(d)	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(e)	Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended 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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.6. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.6.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(c)	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(d)	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.6. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(d)	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.6. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.2(a)	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.4.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.7.	Reading Standards for Literature
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.7.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.7. a.	Grade 7 students will analyze how a cultural work of literature, including oral tradition, draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types, and how the differing structure of the text contributes to society, past or present.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.7. b.	Grade 7 students will analyze works of Hispanic and Native American text by showing how it reflects the heritage, traditions, attitudes, and beliefs of the author and how it applies to society.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.7. c.	Grade 7 students will use oral and written texts from various cultures to cite evidence that supports or negates understanding of a cultural value.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.7. Reading Standards for Literature	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity	
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.7.10.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Text Types and Purposes	
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.3(b)	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, and description, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.3(c)	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.3(e)	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Production and Distribution of Writing	
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.5.	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.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.W.7. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Research to Build and Present Knowledge	
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY W.7.8. 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.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.W.7. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Range of Writing	
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY W.7.10. Write routinely over extended 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.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Comprehension and Collaboration	
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY SL.7.1. 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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR SL.7.1(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR SL.7.1(b) Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR SL.7.1(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR SL.7.1(d) Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas	
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY SL.7.4. 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.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.7.3(a) Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.4.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.7.4(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.7.4(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).

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.6.	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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**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.RL.8. Reading Standards for Literature**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.8. a.	Grade 8 students will analyze how a cultural work of literature, including oral tradition, draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types, and how the differing structure of the text contributes to society, past or present.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.8. b.	Grade 8 students will analyze works of Hispanic and Native American text by showing how it reflects the heritage, traditions, attitudes, and beliefs of the author and how it applies to society.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.8. c.	Grade 8 students will use oral or written texts from various cultures, cite textual evidence that supports or negates reader inference of a cultural value.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.RL.8. Reading Standards for Literature**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.8. Reading Standards for Literature	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.8.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.8. C.	Grade 8 students will, by the end of the year, read and comprehend significant works of 18th, 19th, and 20th century literature including stories, dramas, and poems independently and proficiently.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.3(b)	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, and reflection, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.3(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.3(e)	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(c)	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(b)	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8. Language Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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).

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8. Language Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.6. Reading Standards for Literature	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.2.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.3.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.6. a.	Grade 6 students will analyze how a cultural work of literature, including oral tradition, draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types, and how the differing structure of the text contributes to society, past or present.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.6.	Reading Standards for Literature
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.6.	Reading Standards for Literature
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.10.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(c)	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(d)	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(e)	Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.5.	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.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.SL.6. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.6.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(c)	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(d)	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.L.6. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(d)	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.2(a)	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.4.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.7. Reading Standards for Literature
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.7.1. Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.7.3. Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.7. a. Grade 7 students will analyze how a cultural work of literature, including oral tradition, draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types, and how the differing structure of the text contributes to society, past or present.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.7. b. Grade 7 students will analyze works of Hispanic and Native American text by showing how it reflects the heritage, traditions, attitudes, and beliefs of the author and how it applies to society.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.7. c. Grade 7 students will use oral and written texts from various cultures to cite evidence that supports or negates understanding of a cultural value.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.7. Reading Standards for Literature
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.7.10. 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.3. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.3(c) Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.3(e)	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.8.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.4.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.1(b)	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.3(a)	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.4.	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.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.4(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.4(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.8.	Reading Standards for Literature
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.8. a.	Grade 8 students will analyze how a cultural work of literature, including oral tradition, draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types, and how the differing structure of the text contributes to society, past or present.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.8. b.	Grade 8 students will analyze works of Hispanic and Native American text by showing how it reflects the heritage, traditions, attitudes, and beliefs of the author and how it applies to society.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.8. c.	Grade 8 students will use oral or written texts from various cultures, cite textual evidence that supports or negates reader inference of a cultural value.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.8.	Reading Standards for Literature
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Craft and Structure		
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.8. Reading Standards for Literature	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.8.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.8. C.	Grade 8 students will, by the end of the year, read and comprehend significant works of 18th, 19th, and 20th century literature including stories, dramas, and poems independently and proficiently.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.3(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.3(e)	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	

Production and Distribution of Writing		
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(c)	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(b)	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.6. Reading Standards for Literature
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.2.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.3.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.6. a.	Grade 6 students will analyze how a cultural work of literature, including oral tradition, draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types, and how the differing structure of the text contributes to society, past or present.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.6. Reading Standards for Literature
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.5.	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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.6. Reading Standards for Literature
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.10.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(c)	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(d)	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(e)	Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.5.	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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.6. Speaking and Listening Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.6.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(c)	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(d)	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6. Language Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(d)	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6. Language Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.2(a)	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.L.6. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.4.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6. Language Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.6.	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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**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.RL.7. Reading Standards for Literature**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.7.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.7. a.	Grade 7 students will analyze how a cultural work of literature, including oral tradition, draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types, and how the differing structure of the text contributes to society, past or present.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.7. b.	Grade 7 students will analyze works of Hispanic and Native American text by showing how it reflects the heritage, traditions, attitudes, and beliefs of the author and how it applies to society.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.7. c.	Grade 7 students will use oral and written texts from various cultures to cite evidence that supports or negates understanding of a cultural value.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.7. Reading Standards for Literature	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.7.10.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.3(c)	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.3(e)	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	

BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Research to Build and Present Knowledge	
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY W.7.8. 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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Range of Writing	
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY W.7.10. Write routinely over extended 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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Comprehension and Collaboration	
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.1.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas	
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY SL.7.4. 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.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.7.1(b) Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.7.3(a) Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.4.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.7.4(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.7.4(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).

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.6.	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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NM.RL.8. Reading Standards for Literature

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.8. a.	Grade 8 students will analyze how a cultural work of literature, including oral tradition, draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types, and how the differing structure of the text contributes to society, past or present.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.8. b.	Grade 8 students will analyze works of Hispanic and Native American text by showing how it reflects the heritage, traditions, attitudes, and beliefs of the author and how it applies to society.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.8. c.	Grade 8 students will use oral or written texts from various cultures, cite textual evidence that supports or negates reader inference of a cultural value.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD

NM.RL.8. Reading Standards for Literature

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD

NM.RL.8. Reading Standards for Literature

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.8.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.8. C.	Grade 8 students will, by the end of the year, read and comprehend significant works of 18th, 19th, and 20th century literature including stories, dramas, and poems independently and proficiently.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR **W.8.2(b)** Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR **W.8.3(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR **W.8.3(e)** Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY **W.8.4.** Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY **W.8.5.** With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(c)	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(b)	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.2.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Craft and Structure	
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.7.	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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Text Types and Purposes	
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.9(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").
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.6.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(c)	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(d)	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(d)	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.2(a)	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.4.	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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.6. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.RI.7. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.1.	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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.3.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.RI.7. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.4.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.7. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.7. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.5.	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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.7. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.8.	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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.7. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.9(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended 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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.1.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.4.	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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**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.1(b)	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
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**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.3(a)	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.4.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.4(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.4(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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**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.8. Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.8.1. Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.8. Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.8.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(b) Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(c) Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(d) Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(f) Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(c)	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8. Language Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(b)	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8. Language Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8. Language Standards	

BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.6. Reading Standards for Literature	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.2.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.6. Reading Standards for Literature	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.10.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.2.	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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.7.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.4.	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.)

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.5.	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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**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.9(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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**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.SL.6. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.6.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(c)	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(d)	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(d)	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.2(a)	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.4.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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).

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.L.6. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.6.	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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**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.RL.7. Reading Standards for Literature**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Key Ideas and Details	
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.7.1.	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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**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.RL.7. Reading Standards for Literature**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Craft and Structure	
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.7.5.	Analyze how a drama's or poem's form or structure (e.g., soliloquy, sonnet) contributes to its meaning.
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**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.RL.7. Reading Standards for Literature**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity	
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.7.10.	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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**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.RI.7. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Key Ideas and Details	
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.3.	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).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.4.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.8.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.9(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").
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.4.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.1(b)	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.2(a)	Use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives (e.g., It was a fascinating, enjoyable movie but not He wore an old[,] green shirt).
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.3(a)	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.4.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.4(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.4(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).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.5(b)	Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., synonym/antonym, analogy) to better understand each of the words.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.8.	Reading Standards for Literature
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Key Ideas and Details		
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.8.	Reading Standards for Literature
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.8.	Reading Standards for Literature
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.8.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(c)	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(c)	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(b)	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.5(b)	Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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Key Ideas and Details		
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.2.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.7.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.9(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").
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.6.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(c)	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(d)	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(d)	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.2(a)	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.4.	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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.6. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.RI.7. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.1.	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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.3.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.RI.7. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.4.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.7. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.7. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.5.	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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.7. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.8.	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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.7. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.9(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended 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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.1.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.4.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7. Language Standards	
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.1(b)	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7. Language Standards	
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.2(a)	Use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives (e.g., It was a fascinating, enjoyable movie but not He wore an old[,] green shirt).
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7. Language Standards	
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.3(a)	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7. Language Standards	
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.4.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.4(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.4(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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STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.6.	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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**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.RI.8. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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STANDARD** **NM.RI.8. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
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**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(c)	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(c)	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(b)	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		
		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		
		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.2.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		
		Craft and Structure

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.7.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.2.	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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.4.	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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.9(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").
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.6.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(c)	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(d)	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.L.6.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(d)	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(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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**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.L.6.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.2(a)	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.
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**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.L.6.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.3(a)	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
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**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.L.6.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.4.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY L.6.6. 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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	NM.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.3.	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).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.4.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.7. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.5.	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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.7. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.8.	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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.7. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.9(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").
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.4.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.1(b)	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.2(a)	Use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives (e.g., It was a fascinating, enjoyable movie but not He wore an old[,] green shirt).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.3(a)	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.4.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.4(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.4(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).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.8. Reading Standards for Informational Text	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.8. Reading Standards for Informational Text	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(c)	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(c)	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(b)	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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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STANDARD** **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(c)	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(d)	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(e)	Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.

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STANDARD** **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.4.	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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.6.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(c)	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(d)	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(d)	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.2(a)	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.3(a)	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.3(c)	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.3(e)	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.8.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.1.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.4.	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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.7.1(b) Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.7.3(a) Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / INDICATOR	W.8.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.3(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.3(e)	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(b)	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(c)	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(d)	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(e)	Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.5.	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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.6. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.6.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(c)	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(d)	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(d)	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.2(a)	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.3(a)	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.3(c)	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.3(e)	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.8.	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.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.7. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY W.7.10. Write routinely over extended 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.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY SL.7.1. 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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR SL.7.1(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR SL.7.1(b) Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR SL.7.1(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR SL.7.1(d) Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY SL.7.4. 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.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY L.7.1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.1(b)	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.3(a)	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.3(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.3(e)	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(c)	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(b)	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(c)	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(d)	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(e)	Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.5.	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.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.6. Speaking and Listening Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.6.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(c)	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(d)	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6. Language Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(d)	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6. Language Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.2(a)	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.L.6. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

**PERFORMANCE
STANDARD /
INDICATOR** L.6.3(a) Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.L.6. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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**PERFORMANCE
STANDARD /
BENCHMARK /
PROFICIENCY** L.6.6. 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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**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.7. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

**PERFORMANCE
STANDARD /
INDICATOR** W.7.3(c) Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.

**PERFORMANCE
STANDARD /
INDICATOR** W.7.3(e) Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.7. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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**PERFORMANCE
STANDARD /
BENCHMARK /
PROFICIENCY** W.7.4. 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.)

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.5.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.8.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended 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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.1.	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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.4.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD NM.L.7. **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.1(b)	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD NM.L.7. **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.3(a)	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD NM.L.7. **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD NM.W.8. **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.3(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.3(e)	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(c)	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(b)	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.2.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.3.	Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.6.	Reading Standards for Informational Text

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas		
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.7.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards

BENCHMARK / STANDARD			Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.	
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.8.	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.	
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6. Writing Standards		
BENCHMARK / STANDARD			Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.	
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.9(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").	
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6. Writing Standards		
BENCHMARK / STANDARD			Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.	
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.6. Speaking and Listening Standards		
BENCHMARK / STANDARD			Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.6.1.	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.	
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(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.	
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.	
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(c)	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.	

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(d)	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(d)	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.2(a)	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.3(a)	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.4.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		
Vocabulary Acquisition and Use		
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		
Key Ideas and Details		
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.3.	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).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		
Craft and Structure		
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.4.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		
Text Types and Purposes		

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.8.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.9(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.4.	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** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.7.1(b) Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.7.3(a) Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.4.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.7.4(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.7.4(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).

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(c)	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(c)	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(b)	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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).

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.2.	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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.3.	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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STANDARD** **NM.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
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STANDARD** **NM.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.7.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.8.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.9(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").
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.6.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(c)	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(d)	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(d)	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.2(a)	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.3(a)	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.4.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.3.	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).

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.4.	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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.8.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.9(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.4.	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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STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.7.1(b) Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.7.3(a) Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.4.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.7.4(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.7.4(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).

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.8. Reading Standards for Informational Text
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.8. Reading Standards for Informational Text
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(c)	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(c)	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(b)	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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).

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.2.	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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.3.	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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STANDARD** **NM.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
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**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.7.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.8.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.9(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").
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.6.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(c)	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(d)	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(d)	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.2(a)	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.3(a)	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.4.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.3.	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).

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.4.	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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.8.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.9(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.4.	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.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.7.1(b) Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.7.3(a) Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.4.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.7.4(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.7.4(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).

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(c)	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(c)	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(b)	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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).

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD** **NM.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.2.	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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.3.	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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STANDARD** **NM.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
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**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.7.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.8.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.9(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").
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.6.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(c)	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(d)	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(d)	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.2(a)	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.3(a)	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.4.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.3.	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).

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.7.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.4.	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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions for further research and investigation.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.8.	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.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.W.7. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR **W.7.9(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").**

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.W.7. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY **W.7.10.** **Write routinely over extended 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.**

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY **SL.7.1.** **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.**

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR **SL.7.1(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.**

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR **SL.7.1(b)** **Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.**

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR **SL.7.1(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.**

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR **SL.7.1(d)** **Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.**

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.4.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.1(b)	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.3(a)	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.4.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.4(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.4(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.8. Reading Standards for Informational Text	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.8. Reading Standards for Informational Text	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(c)	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(c)	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(b)	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.2.	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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
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Production and Distribution of Writing		
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD		
NM.W.6. Writing Standards	Research to Build and Present Knowledge	
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.8.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD		
NM.W.6. Writing Standards	Range of Writing	
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD		
NM.SL.6. Speaking and Listening Standards	Comprehension and Collaboration	
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.6.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(c)	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(d)	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(d)	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.3(a)	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.8.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended 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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.4.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.1(b)	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.3(a)	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(c)	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(c)	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(b)	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.8.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.6. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.6.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(c)	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(d)	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.6. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(d)	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.3(a)	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.8.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.1.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.4.	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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.7.1(b) Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.7.3(a) Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(c)	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Research to Build and Present Knowledge	
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY W.8.8. Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Range of Writing	
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY W.8.10. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Comprehension and Collaboration	
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY SL.8.1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR SL.8.1(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR SL.8.1(b) Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR SL.8.1(c) Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR SL.8.1(d) Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas	
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY SL.8.4. Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(b)	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8. Language Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STANDARD** **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.8.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.6.1.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(c)	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(d)	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.6. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(d)	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.6. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.3(a)	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.6. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.4.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.8.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY SL.7.4. 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.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.7.1(b) Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.7.3(a) Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.4.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR L.7.4(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.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(c)	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Research to Build and Present Knowledge	
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Range of Writing	
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Comprehension and Collaboration	
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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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**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas	
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(b)	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.5.	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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.8.	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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.6.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(c)	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(d)	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(d)	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.3(a)	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.2.	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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
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**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.7. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.4.	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.)

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.7. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.8.	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.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.7. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.4.	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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.1(b)	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.3(a)	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(c)	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(c)	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(b)	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(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.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(c)	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(d)	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.3(e)	Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.5.	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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.8.	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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.6. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.6.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(c)	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(d)	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(d)	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.3(a)	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.3(a)	Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and point of view and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.3(c)	Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.3(e)	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.4.	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.)

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.5.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.8.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended 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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.1.	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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.4.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD NM.L.7. **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.1(b)	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD NM.L.7. **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.3(a)	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD NM.L.7. **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD NM.W.8. **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.3(a)	Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and point of view and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.3(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.3(e)	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(c)	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(a)	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(b)	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY L.8.6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.4.	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.)

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.8.	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.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.SL.6. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.6.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(c)	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(d)	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.6. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(d)	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.6. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.3(a)	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.6. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Text Types and Purposes	
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Production and Distribution of Writing	
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Research to Build and Present Knowledge	

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.8.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.4.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.1(b)	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.3(a)	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(c)	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(c)	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8. Language Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(a)	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(b)	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STANDARD** **NM.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.2.	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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.3.	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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STANDARD** **NM.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings
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STANDARD** **NM.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.7.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.8.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.6.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(c)	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(d)	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(d)	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6. Language Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.3(a)	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6. Language Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.4.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6. Language Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.7. Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.1. Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.3. 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).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RI.7. Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.7.4. 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(b) Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(c) Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(d) Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(f) Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.7. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.5.	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.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.W.7. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions for further research and investigation.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.8.	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.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.7. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.4.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.1(b)	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.3(a)	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.4.	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.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.4(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.4(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.RI.8. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.8.3.	Analyze how a text makes connections among and distinctions between individuals, ideas, or events (e.g., through comparisons, analogies, or categories).
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.RI.8. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(c)	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY W.8.10. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY SL.8.1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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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**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY SL.8.4. Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY L.8.1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(a)	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(b)	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.RI.6. Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RI.6.7.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.5.	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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.8.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.6.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(c)	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(d)	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(d)	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.3(a)	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(c)	Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.7. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.5.	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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.7. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions for further research and investigation.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.8.	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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.7. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.4.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.1(b)	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.3(a)	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(c)	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(d)	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(f)	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(c)	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8. Language Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(a)	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(b)	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8. Language Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.RL.6. Reading Standards for Literature**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.2.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.3.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.6. a.	Grade 6 students will analyze how a cultural work of literature, including oral tradition, draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types, and how the differing structure of the text contributes to society, past or present.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.RL.6. Reading Standards for Literature**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.5.	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.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.RL.6. Reading Standards for Literature**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.10.	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.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.6. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.8.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.6.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(c)	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(d)	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(d)	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.3(a)	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.4.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.7.	Reading Standards for Literature
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.7.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.7. a.	Grade 7 students will analyze how a cultural work of literature, including oral tradition, draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types, and how the differing structure of the text contributes to society, past or present.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.7. b.	Grade 7 students will analyze works of Hispanic and Native American text by showing how it reflects the heritage, traditions, attitudes, and beliefs of the author and how it applies to society.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.7. c.	Grade 7 students will use oral and written texts from various cultures to cite evidence that supports or negates understanding of a cultural value.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.7. Reading Standards for Literature	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.7.10.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.8.	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.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.7. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended 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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**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.1.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
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**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.4.	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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**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.1(b)	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.3(a)	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.4.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.4(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.4(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).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.8.	Reading Standards for Literature
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.8. a.	Grade 8 students will analyze how a cultural work of literature, including oral tradition, draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types, and how the differing structure of the text contributes to society, past or present.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.8. b.	Grade 8 students will analyze works of Hispanic and Native American text by showing how it reflects the heritage, traditions, attitudes, and beliefs of the author and how it applies to society.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.8. c.	Grade 8 students will use oral or written texts from various cultures, cite textual evidence that supports or negates reader inference of a cultural value.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.RL.8. Reading Standards for Literature**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.8. Reading Standards for Literature	

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.8.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.8. C.	Grade 8 students will, by the end of the year, read and comprehend significant works of 18th, 19th, and 20th century literature including stories, dramas, and poems independently and proficiently.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.1.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(c)	Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.8.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.8.4.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(a)	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(b)	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.4.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.4(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).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.6.	Reading Standards for Literature
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.2.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.3.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.6. a.	Grade 6 students will analyze how a cultural work of literature, including oral tradition, draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types, and how the differing structure of the text contributes to society, past or present.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.6.	Reading Standards for Literature
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.6.	Reading Standards for Literature
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.10.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.8.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD		
NM.SL.6. Speaking and Listening Standards		
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.6.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(c)	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(d)	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(d)	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.3(a)	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.3(b)	Maintain consistency in style and tone.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.7.	Reading Standards for Literature
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.7.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.7. a.	Grade 7 students will analyze how a cultural work of literature, including oral tradition, draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types, and how the differing structure of the text contributes to society, past or present.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.7. b.	Grade 7 students will analyze works of Hispanic and Native American text by showing how it reflects the heritage, traditions, attitudes, and beliefs of the author and how it applies to society.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.7. c.	Grade 7 students will use oral and written texts from various cultures to cite evidence that supports or negates understanding of a cultural value.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.7. Reading Standards for Literature	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.7.10.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.8.	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.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.W.7. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended 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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**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.1.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
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**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.4.	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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**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.1(b)	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.3(a)	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.6.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.8.	Reading Standards for Literature
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.8. a.	Grade 8 students will analyze how a cultural work of literature, including oral tradition, draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types, and how the differing structure of the text contributes to society, past or present.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.8. b.	Grade 8 students will analyze works of Hispanic and Native American text by showing how it reflects the heritage, traditions, attitudes, and beliefs of the author and how it applies to society.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.8. c.	Grade 8 students will use oral or written texts from various cultures, cite textual evidence that supports or negates reader inference of a cultural value.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.8.	Reading Standards for Literature

Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity		
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.8.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.8.C.	Grade 8 students will, by the end of the year, read and comprehend significant works of 18th, 19th, and 20th century literature including stories, dramas, and poems independently and proficiently.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.8.	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY W.8.10. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY SL.8.1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR SL.8.1(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR SL.8.1(b) Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR SL.8.1(c) Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR SL.8.1(d) Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.SL.8. Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY SL.8.4. Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY L.8.1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(a)	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(b)	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(d)	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.8. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.RL.6. Reading Standards for Literature**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.1.	Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.2.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.3.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	a.	NM.RL.6. Grade 6 students will analyze how a cultural work of literature, including oral tradition, draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types, and how the differing structure of the text contributes to society, past or present.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.6.	Reading Standards for Literature
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.5.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.6.	Reading Standards for Literature
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.6.10.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.6.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.4.	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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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.5.	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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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.8.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.6.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.6.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.6.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.6.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(c)	Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.6.1(d)	Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(d)	Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.1(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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.3(a)	Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.4.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.6.4(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).
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.6.6.	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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**STRAND /
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STANDARD** **NM.RL.7. Reading Standards for Literature**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.7.1.	Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.7.3.	Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot).
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.7. a.	Grade 7 students will analyze how a cultural work of literature, including oral tradition, draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types, and how the differing structure of the text contributes to society, past or present.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.7. b.	Grade 7 students will analyze works of Hispanic and Native American text by showing how it reflects the heritage, traditions, attitudes, and beliefs of the author and how it applies to society.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.7. c.	Grade 7 students will use oral and written texts from various cultures to cite evidence that supports or negates understanding of a cultural value.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.RL.7. Reading Standards for Literature**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.7.5.	Analyze how a drama's or poem's form or structure (e.g., soliloquy, sonnet) contributes to its meaning.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.RL.7. Reading Standards for Literature**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.7.10.	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.

**STRAND /
CONTENT
STANDARD** **NM.W.7. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.7.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.4.	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.)
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.5.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.8.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.7. Writing Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.7.10.	Write routinely over extended 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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.1.	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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(b)	Follow rules for collegial discussions, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	SL.7.1(d)	Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.7. Speaking and Listening Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	SL.7.4.	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7. Language Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.1(b)	Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7. Language Standards	
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.3(a)	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7. Language Standards	

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.4.	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.

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.4(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.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.7.4(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).

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.L.7. Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.7.6.	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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Language Arts

Grade 8 - Adopted: 2012

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD **NM.RL.8. Reading Standards for Literature**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.8.1.	Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.8. a.	Grade 8 students will analyze how a cultural work of literature, including oral tradition, draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types, and how the differing structure of the text contributes to society, past or present.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.8. b.	Grade 8 students will analyze works of Hispanic and Native American text by showing how it reflects the heritage, traditions, attitudes, and beliefs of the author and how it applies to society.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.8. c.	Grade 8 students will use oral or written texts from various cultures, cite textual evidence that supports or negates reader inference of a cultural value.

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.8. Reading Standards for Literature
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Craft and Structure
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.8.4.	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.RL.8. Reading Standards for Literature
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	RL.8.10.	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	NM.RL.8. C.	Grade 8 students will, by the end of the year, read and comprehend significant works of 18th, 19th, and 20th century literature including stories, dramas, and poems independently and proficiently.
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STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.W.8. Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Text Types and Purposes
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	W.8.2(b)	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD	Production and Distribution of Writing
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.4.	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)
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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
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STANDARD** **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.7.	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.

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STANDARD** **NM.W.8. Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	W.8.10.	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

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PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.1(b)	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
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