

Main Criteria: Voyages in Writing

Secondary Criteria: Montana Content Standards

Subject: Language Arts

Grade: 8

Voyages in Writing

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Montana Content Standards

Language Arts

Grade 8 - Adopted: 2011

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.RI .8.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	RI.8.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.RI .8.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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 1-3above.)
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	L.8.2.a.	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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).
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

EXPECTATION	L.8.5.d.	Recognize the influence time, culture, gender and social relationships have upon word meaning.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	RI.8.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.RI .8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
EXPECTATION	W.8.1.b.	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources including oral sources, and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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 1-3above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.6.	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
EXPECTATION	W.8.9.b.	Apply grade 8 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced").
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	L.8.2.a.	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	L.8.4.b.	Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., precede, recede, secede).
EXPECTATION	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.

EXPECTATION	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).
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

EXPECTATION	L.8.5.b.	Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
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EXPECTATION	L.8.5.d.	Recognize the influence time, culture, gender and social relationships have upon word meaning.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.R L.8.	Reading Standards for Literature
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.R L.8.	Reading Standards for Literature
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.R L.8.	Reading Standards for Literature

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
EXPECTATION	W.8.1.b.	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources including oral sources, and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	W.8.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, and reflection, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	W.8.3.d.	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.
EXPECTATION	W.8.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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 1-3above.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 8.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.6.	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.S L.8.** **Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
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EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
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EXPECTATION	L.8.2.a.	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
EXPECTATION	L.8.5.a.	Interpret figures of speech (e.g. verbal irony, puns) in context.
EXPECTATION	L.8.5.b.	Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
EXPECTATION	L.8.5.d.	Recognize the influence time, culture, gender and social relationships have upon word meaning.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.R L.8.** **Reading Standards for Literature**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	RL.8.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot; provide an objective summary of the text.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
EXPECTATION	W.8.1.b.	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources including oral sources, and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.

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

EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	W.8.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, and reflection, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
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EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	W.8.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.

EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

EXPECTATION	L.8.2.a.	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

EXPECTATION	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.
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EXPECTATION	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).
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

EXPECTATION	L.8.5.d.	Recognize the influence time, culture, gender and social relationships have upon word meaning.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.R L.8.** **Reading Standards for Literature**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	RL.8.2.	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot; provide an objective summary of the text.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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EXPECTATION	W.8.1.b.	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources including oral sources, and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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EXPECTATION	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.3.	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences.
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EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	W.8.3.b.	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, and reflection, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
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EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	W.8.3.e.	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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 1-3above.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 8.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.6.	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.S L.8.** **Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
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EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
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EXPECTATION	L.8.2.a.	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
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EXPECTATION	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.
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EXPECTATION	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
EXPECTATION	L.8.5.d.	Recognize the influence time, culture, gender and social relationships have upon word meaning.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.RI .8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	RI.8.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.RI .8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

EXPECTATION	W.8.1.b.	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources including oral sources, and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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 1-3above.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 8.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.6.	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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. Include sources and/or topics by and about American Indians.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
EXPECTATION	W.8.9.b.	Apply grade 8 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced").
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	L.8.2.a.	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	L.8.4.b.	Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., precede, recede, secede).
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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).
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

EXPECTATION	L.8.5.b.	Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
EXPECTATION	L.8.5.d.	Recognize the influence time, culture, gender and social relationships have upon word meaning.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L.8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	RI.8.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.RI.8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

EXPECTATION	W.8.1.b.	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources including oral sources, and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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 1-3above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.6.	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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. Include sources and/or topics by and about American Indians.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
EXPECTATION	W.8.9.b.	Apply grade 8 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced").
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	L.8.2.a.	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	L.8.4.b.	Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., precede, recede, secede).
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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).
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
EXPECTATION	L.8.5.b.	Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
EXPECTATION	L.8.5.d.	Recognize the influence time, culture, gender and social relationships have upon word meaning.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.RI .8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	RI.8.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.RI .8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

EXPECTATION	W.8.1.b.	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources including oral sources, and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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 1-3above.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 8.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.6.	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

EXPECTATION	W.8.9.b.	Apply grade 8 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced”).
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.S L.8.** **Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.S L.8.** **Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

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

EXPECTATION	L.8.1.a.	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

EXPECTATION	L.8.2.a.	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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).

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

EXPECTATION	L.8.5.b.	Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
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EXPECTATION	L.8.5.d.	Recognize the influence time, culture, gender and social relationships have upon word meaning.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
EXPECTATION	W.8.1.b.	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources including oral sources, and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD **Production and Distribution of Writing**

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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 1-3above.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 8.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.6.	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD **Research to Build and Present Knowledge**

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD **Range of Writing**

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.S L.8.** **Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD **Comprehension and Collaboration**

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.

EXPECTATION	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	L.8.2.a.	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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).
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

EXPECTATION	L.8.5.b.	Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
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EXPECTATION	L.8.5.d.	Recognize the influence time, culture, gender and social relationships have upon word meaning.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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EXPECTATION	W.8.1.b.	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources including oral sources, and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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 1-3above.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 8.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.6.	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	L.8.2.a.	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

EXPECTATION	L.8.4.b.	Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., precede, recede, secede).
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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).

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

EXPECTATION	L.8.5.b.	Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
EXPECTATION	L.8.5.d.	Recognize the influence time, culture, gender and social relationships have upon word meaning.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.RI .8.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	RI.8.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.RI .8.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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EXPECTATION	W.8.1.b.	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources including oral sources, and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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EXPECTATION	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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 1-3above.)
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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. Include sources and/or topics by and about American Indians.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

EXPECTATION	W.8.9.b.	Apply grade 8 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced”).
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.S L.8.** **Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.S L.8.** **Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

EXPECTATION	L.8.2.a.	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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).

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
EXPECTATION	L.8.5.b.	Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
EXPECTATION	L.8.5.d.	Recognize the influence time, culture, gender and social relationships have upon word meaning.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
EXPECTATION	W.8.1.b.	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources including oral sources, and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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 1-3above.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 8.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.6.	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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. Include sources and/or topics by and about American Indians.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
EXPECTATION	W.8.9.b.	Apply grade 8 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced”).
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	L.8.2.a.	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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).
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
EXPECTATION	L.8.5.d.	Recognize the influence time, culture, gender and social relationships have upon word meaning.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.RI .8.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	RI.8.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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EXPECTATION	W.8.1.b.	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources including oral sources, and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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 1-3above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 8.)
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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. Include sources and/or topics by and about American Indians.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
EXPECTATION	W.8.9.b.	Apply grade 8 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced").
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

EXPECTATION L.8.2.a. Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

EXPECTATION 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.

EXPECTATION 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).

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

EXPECTATION L.8.5.d. Recognize the influence time, culture, gender and social relationships have upon word meaning.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK 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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

EXPECTATION	W.8.1.b.	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources including oral sources, and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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 1-3above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 8.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.6.	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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. Include sources and/or topics by and about American Indians.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
EXPECTATION	W.8.9.b.	Apply grade 8 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced").

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.S L.8.** **Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.

EXPECTATION	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	L.8.2.a.	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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).
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

EXPECTATION L.8.5.d. Recognize the influence time, culture, gender and social relationships have upon word meaning.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK 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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

EXPECTATION W.8.1.b. Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources including oral sources, and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

EXPECTATION 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.

EXPECTATION W.8.2.b. Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.

EXPECTATION W.8.2.c. Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.

EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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 1-3above.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 8.)
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S.L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.

EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	L.8.2.a.	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	L.8.4.b.	Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., precede, recede, secede).
EXPECTATION	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.

EXPECTATION	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).
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

EXPECTATION	L.8.5.b.	Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
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EXPECTATION	L.8.5.d.	Recognize the influence time, culture, gender and social relationships have upon word meaning.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

EXPECTATION	W.8.1.b.	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources including oral sources, and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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 1-3above.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 8.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.6.	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
EXPECTATION	W.8.9.b.	Apply grade 8 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced").

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.S L.8.** **Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.S L.8.** **Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
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EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

EXPECTATION L.8.2.a. Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

EXPECTATION 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.

EXPECTATION 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).

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

EXPECTATION L.8.5.d. Recognize the influence time, culture, gender and social relationships have upon word meaning.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK 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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.RI .8.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	RI.8.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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EXPECTATION	W.8.1.b.	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources including oral sources, and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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 1-3above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 8.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.6.	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	L.8.2.a.	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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).
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
EXPECTATION	L.8.5.d.	Recognize the influence time, culture, gender and social relationships have upon word meaning.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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EXPECTATION	W.8.1.b.	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources including oral sources, and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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EXPECTATION	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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 1-3above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 8.)
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD **Research to Build and Present Knowledge**

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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. Include sources and/or topics by and about American Indians.
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD **Range of Writing**

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.S L.8.** **Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD **Comprehension and Collaboration**

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.S L.8.** **Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD **Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas**

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

EXPECTATION L.8.2.a. Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

EXPECTATION 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.

EXPECTATION 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).

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

EXPECTATION L.8.5.d. Recognize the influence time, culture, gender and social relationships have upon word meaning.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK 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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.RI .8.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	RI.8.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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EXPECTATION	W.8.1.b.	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources including oral sources, and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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 1-3above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 8.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.6.	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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. Include sources and/or topics by and about American Indians.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.S L.8.** **Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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EXPECTATION	L.8.1.a.	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
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EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
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EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
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EXPECTATION	L.8.2.a.	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
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EXPECTATION	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.
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EXPECTATION	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

EXPECTATION L.8.5.d. Recognize the influence time, culture, gender and social relationships have upon word meaning.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L.8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK 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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.RI.8.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK RI.8.2. Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W.8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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EXPECTATION W.8.1.b. Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources including oral sources, and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W.8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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 1-3above.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 8.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.6.	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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. Include sources and/or topics by and about American Indians.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.a.	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

EXPECTATION L.8.2.a. Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

EXPECTATION 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.

EXPECTATION 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).

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

EXPECTATION L.8.5.d. Recognize the influence time, culture, gender and social relationships have upon word meaning.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.RI .8.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	RI.8.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
EXPECTATION	W.8.1.b.	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources including oral sources, and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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 1-3above.)

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 8.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.6.	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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. Include sources and/or topics by and about American Indians.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.9.	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
EXPECTATION	W.8.9.b.	Apply grade 8 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced").
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.a.	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	L.8.2.a.	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	L.8.4.b.	Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., precede, recede, secede).
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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).
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
EXPECTATION	L.8.5.b.	Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
EXPECTATION	L.8.5.d.	Recognize the influence time, culture, gender and social relationships have upon word meaning.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.R L.8.	Reading Standards for Literature
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.R L.8.	Reading Standards for Literature

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.R L.8.	Reading Standards for Literature
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.RI .8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	RI.8.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
EXPECTATION	W.8.1.b.	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources including oral sources, and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.

EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.e.	Establish and maintain a formal style.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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 1-3above.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 8.)
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S.L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.

EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	L.8.2.a.	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.

EXPECTATION	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.
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EXPECTATION	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

EXPECTATION	L.8.5.d.	Recognize the influence time, culture, gender and social relationships have upon word meaning.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

EXPECTATION	W.8.1.b.	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources including oral sources, and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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 1-3above.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 8.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.6.	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.S L.8.** **Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.S L.8.** **Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

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

EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

EXPECTATION	L.8.2.a.	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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).

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
EXPECTATION	L.8.5.d.	Recognize the influence time, culture, gender and social relationships have upon word meaning.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.R L.8.** **Reading Standards for Literature**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.R L.8.** **Reading Standards for Literature**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.R L.8.** **Reading Standards for Literature**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.RI .8.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	RI.8.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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EXPECTATION	W.8.1.b.	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources including oral sources, and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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 1-3above.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 8.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.6.	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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. Include sources and/or topics by and about American Indians.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S.L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.a.	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	L.8.2.a.	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	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.
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EXPECTATION	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

EXPECTATION	L.8.5.d.	Recognize the influence time, culture, gender and social relationships have upon word meaning.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.R L.8.** **Reading Standards for Literature**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.R L.8.** **Reading Standards for Literature**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.R L.8.	Reading Standards for Literature
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.RI .8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	RI.8.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
EXPECTATION	W.8.1.b.	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources including oral sources, and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.

EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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 1-3above.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 8.)
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S.L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.

EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	L.8.2.a.	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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).

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

EXPECTATION L.8.5.d. Recognize the influence time, culture, gender and social relationships have upon word meaning.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK 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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.R L.8.** **Reading Standards for Literature**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK 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.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.R L.8.** **Reading Standards for Literature**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK 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.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.R L.8.** **Reading Standards for Literature**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.RI .8.	Reading Standards for Informational Text
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	RI.8.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
EXPECTATION	W.8.1.b.	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources including oral sources, and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.b.	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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 1-3above.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 8.)
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	L.8.2.a.	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	L.8.4.b.	Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., precede, recede, secede).
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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).
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

EXPECTATION	L.8.5.b.	Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
EXPECTATION	L.8.5.d.	Recognize the influence time, culture, gender and social relationships have upon word meaning.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

EXPECTATION	W.8.1.b.	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources including oral sources, and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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 1-3above.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 8.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.6.	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W.8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S.L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.

EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.a.	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	L.8.2.a.	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

EXPECTATION	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.
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EXPECTATION	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

EXPECTATION	L.8.5.d.	Recognize the influence time, culture, gender and social relationships have upon word meaning.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.R L.8.** **Reading Standards for Literature**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.R L.8.** **Reading Standards for Literature**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.R L.8.** **Reading Standards for Literature**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.RI .8.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	RI.8.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
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EXPECTATION	W.8.1.b.	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources including oral sources, and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD **Production and Distribution of Writing**

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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 1-3above.)
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 8.)

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD **Research to Build and Present Knowledge**

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD **Range of Writing**

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.S L.8.** **Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD **Comprehension and Collaboration**

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.S L.8.** **Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
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EXPECTATION	L.8.2.a.	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
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EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	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.
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EXPECTATION	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
EXPECTATION	L.8.5.b.	Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
EXPECTATION	L.8.5.d.	Recognize the influence time, culture, gender and social relationships have upon word meaning.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.R L.8.	Reading Standards for Literature
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.R L.8.	Reading Standards for Literature
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Craft and Structure
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.R L.8.	Reading Standards for Literature
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.RI.8.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	RI.8.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.S L.8.** **Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.S L.8.** **Speaking and Listening Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L.8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
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EXPECTATION	L.8.2.a.	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L.8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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).

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

EXPECTATION	L.8.5.d.	Recognize the influence time, culture, gender and social relationships have upon word meaning.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.L. 8.** **Language Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.RI .8.** **Reading Standards for Informational Text**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	RI.8.2.	Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.1.	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

EXPECTATION	W.8.1.b.	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources including oral sources, and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.

EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	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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EXPECTATION	W.8.2.c.	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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EXPECTATION	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
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EXPECTATION	W.8.2.f.	Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Production and Distribution of Writing
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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 1-3above.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.5.	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 8.)
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	W.8.6.	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.
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CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN **MT.CC.W .8.** **Writing Standards**

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.W .8.	Writing Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Range of Writing
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
EXPECTATION	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.a.	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.b.	Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
EXPECTATION	L.8.1.d.	Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards

BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

EXPECTATION	L.8.2.a.	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
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BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
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GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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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