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Voyages in Writing

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA

English Language Arts Anchor Standards

STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG

Reading Anchor Standards

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION

Key Ideas and Details

GRADE
EXPECTATION

1

Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

2

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

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3

Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

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Reading Anchor Standards

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION

Craft and Structure

GRADE
EXPECTATION

4

Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Develop personal, cultural, textual, and thematic connections within and across genres through written responses to texts and personal experiences.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats (including visual, quantitative, and oral).

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence so that listeners can follow the line of reasoning. Ensure that the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of academic English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Knowledge of Language

GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	6	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening; demonstrate independence in gathering and applying vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Reading Standards (Literary and Informational Text) 8R
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R2:	Determine one or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; summarize a text. (RI&RL)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R3:	In literary texts, analyze how particular lines of dialogue or events propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision. (RL) In informational texts, analyze how individuals, events, and ideas are introduced, relate to each other, and are developed. (RI)

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W3:	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, relevant descriptive details and clear sequencing.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3d:	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W5:	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. Apply the grade 8 Reading Standards to both literary and informational text, where applicable
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL1:	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1a:	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; 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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GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1b:	Follow norms for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL4:	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear enunciation.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L2:	Core Punctuation and Spelling Skills for Grades 6-8:
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:1	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes, hyphens) to clarify and enhance writing.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:2	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L4:	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4a:	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.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4c:	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4d:	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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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Craft and Structure
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	4	Develop personal, cultural, textual, and thematic connections within and across genres through responses to texts and personal experiences.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	7	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH1:	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH2:	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate, objective summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.
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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Craft and Structure
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH4:	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including content-specific vocabulary related to history/social studies.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH5:	Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally, visually, and graphically).
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH7:	Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST1:	Cite specific evidence to support analysis of scientific and technical texts, charts, graphs, diagrams, etc. Understand and follow a detailed set of directions.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST2:	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a source; provide an accurate, objective summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST3:	Describe how and why scientific ideas and reasoning are developed and modified over the course of a text, source, argument, etc.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8

STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Craft and Structure
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST4:	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other content-specific words and phrases as they are used in scientific or technical sources.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST4:	Write responses to texts and to events (past and present), ideas, and theories that include personal, cultural, and thematic connections.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST7:	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Reading Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Key Ideas and Details

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Reading Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Craft and Structure

GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Text Types and Purposes

GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Develop personal, cultural, textual, and thematic connections within and across genres through written responses to texts and personal experiences.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats (including visual, quantitative, and oral).
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of academic English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Knowledge of Language

GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
GRADE EXPECTATION	6	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening; demonstrate independence in gathering and applying vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Reading Standards (Literary and Informational Text) 8R
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R2:	Determine one or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; summarize a text. (RI&RL)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R3:	In literary texts, analyze how particular lines of dialogue or events propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision. (RL) In informational texts, analyze how individuals, events, and ideas are introduced, relate to each other, and are developed. (RI)

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W2:	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2a:	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2b:	Develop a topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples; include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aid comprehension.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2c:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to explain a topic.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2d:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2e:	Provide a concluding statement or section that explains the significance of the information presented.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2f:	Establish and maintain a style appropriate to the writing task.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W3:	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, relevant descriptive details and clear sequencing.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3d:	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W5:	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. Apply the grade 8 Reading Standards to both literary and informational text, where applicable

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL1:	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1a:	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; 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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GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1b:	Follow norms for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L1:	Core Conventions Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:3	Recognize and correct pronouns that have unclear or ambiguous antecedents.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:9	Recognize and correct inappropriate verb shifts.
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L2:	Core Punctuation and Spelling Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:1	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes, hyphens) to clarify and enhance writing.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:2	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L4:	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4a:	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.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4b:	Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., precede, recede, secede).
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4c:	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4d:	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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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L5:	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L5b:	Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L6:	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases; apply vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Craft and Structure
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	4	Develop personal, cultural, textual, and thematic connections within and across genres through responses to texts and personal experiences.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	6	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	7	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH1:	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH2:	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate, objective summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Craft and Structure
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH4:	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including content-specific vocabulary related to history/social studies.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH5:	Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally, visually, and graphically).
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8

STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST1:	Cite specific evidence to support analysis of scientific and technical texts, charts, graphs, diagrams, etc. Understand and follow a detailed set of directions.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST2:	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a source; provide an accurate, objective summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST3:	Describe how and why scientific ideas and reasoning are developed and modified over the course of a text, source, argument, etc.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Craft and Structure
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST4:	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other content-specific words and phrases as they are used in scientific or technical sources.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST2:	Write informative/explanatory text focused on discipline-specific content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2a:	Introduce a topic clearly; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2b:	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, data, definitions, concrete details, citations, or other information and examples.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2c:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2d:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to inform and/or to explain the topic.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION /
CONTENT
SPECIFICATION

WHST3:

Write narratives to understand an event or topic, appropriate to discipline-specific norms, conventions, and tasks.

EXPECTATION /
CONTENT
SPECIFICATION

WHST4:

Write responses to texts and to events (past and present), ideas, and theories that include personal, cultural, and thematic connections.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

EXPECTATION /
CONTENT
SPECIFICATION

WHST7:

Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

Lesson 03: Unit 3 Retelling Narrative Stories, pp. 29-36

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Reading Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Key Ideas and Details

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Reading Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Craft and Structure

GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Text Types and Purposes

GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Develop personal, cultural, textual, and thematic connections within and across genres through written responses to texts and personal experiences.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	5	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats (including visual, quantitative, and oral).
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of academic English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Knowledge of Language

GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
GRADE EXPECTATION	5	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships and nuances in word meanings.
GRADE EXPECTATION	6	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening; demonstrate independence in gathering and applying vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Reading Standards (Literary and Informational Text) 8R
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Craft and Structure
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R4:	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, tone, and mood, including words with multiple meanings. (RI&RL)

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W3:	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, relevant descriptive details and clear sequencing.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3a:	Engage the reader by establishing a point of view and introducing a narrator and/or characters.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3b:	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, and reflection to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3c:	Use a variety of transitional 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.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3d:	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3e:	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the narrative.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W4:	Create a poem, story, play, artwork, or other response to a text, author, theme or personal experience; explain divergences from the original text when appropriate.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W5:	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. Apply the grade 8 Reading Standards to both literary and informational text, where applicable
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL1:	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1a:	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1b:	Follow norms for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L1:	Core Conventions Skills for Grades 6-8:
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:3	Recognize and correct pronouns that have unclear or ambiguous antecedents.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:9	Recognize and correct inappropriate verb shifts.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L2:	Core Punctuation and Spelling Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:1	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes, hyphens) to clarify and enhance writing.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:2	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L4:	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4a:	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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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4b:	Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., precede, recede, secede).
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4c:	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4d:	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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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L5:	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L5a:	Interpret figures of speech including irony and puns in context.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L5b:	Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L6:	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases; apply vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Craft and Structure
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	4	Develop personal, cultural, textual, and thematic connections within and across genres through responses to texts and personal experiences.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	6	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	7	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Craft and Structure

EXPECTATION /
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RH5:

Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally, visually, and graphically).

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION /
CONTENT
SPECIFICATION

WHST4:

Write responses to texts and to events (past and present), ideas, and theories that include personal, cultural, and thematic connections.

Lesson 04: Unit 3 Retelling Narrative Stories, pp. 37-44

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Reading Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Key Ideas and Details

GRADE
EXPECTATION

2

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

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Text Types and Purposes

GRADE
EXPECTATION

3

Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE
EXPECTATION

1

Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

2

Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats (including visual, quantitative, and oral).

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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning

GRADE
EXPECTATION

1

Demonstrate command of the conventions of academic English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Reading Standards (Literary and Informational Text) 8R
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R2:	Determine one or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; summarize a text. (RI&RL)
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W3:	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, relevant descriptive details and clear sequencing.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3a:	Engage the reader by establishing a point of view and introducing a narrator and/or characters.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3b:	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, and reflection to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3c:	Use a variety of transitional 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.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3d:	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3e:	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the narrative.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION /
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SPECIFICATION

8W4:

Create a poem, story, play, artwork, or other response to a text, author, theme or personal experience; explain divergences from the original text when appropriate.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL1:	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8SL1a:

Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8SL1b:

Follow norms for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L1:	Core Conventions Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8L1:3

Recognize and correct pronouns that have unclear or ambiguous antecedents.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8L1:4

Explain the function of phrases and clauses in general, as well as in specific sentences.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8L1:5

Place phrases and clauses within a sentence, recognizing and correcting misplaced and dangling modifiers.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8L1:9

Recognize and correct inappropriate verb shifts.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L2:	Core Punctuation and Spelling Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:1	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes, hyphens) to clarify and enhance writing.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:2	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L4:	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4c:	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4d:	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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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L6:	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases; apply vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	6	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Craft and Structure

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH5:	Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally, visually, and graphically).
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH7:	Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST1:	Cite specific evidence to support analysis of scientific and technical texts, charts, graphs, diagrams, etc. Understand and follow a detailed set of directions.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST7:	Identify and match scientific or technical information presented as text with a version of that information presented visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table).
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST9:	Compare and contrast the information gained from two or more experiments, simulations, videos, multimedia sources, readings from texts, graphs, charts, etc. on the same topic.

Lesson 05: Unit 3 Retelling Narrative Stories, pp. 44-52

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Reading Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Key Ideas and Details

GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Text Types and Purposes

GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats (including visual, quantitative, and oral).
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning

GRADE
EXPECTATION

1

Demonstrate command of the conventions of academic English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE
EXPECTATION

4

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Reading Standards (Literary and Informational Text) 8R
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION /
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8R2:

Determine one or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; summarize a text. (RI&RL)

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W3:	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, relevant descriptive details and clear sequencing.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3a:	Engage the reader by establishing a point of view and introducing a narrator and/or characters.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3b:	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, and reflection to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3c:	Use a variety of transitional 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.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3d:	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3e:	Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the narrative.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W4:	Create a poem, story, play, artwork, or other response to a text, author, theme or personal experience; explain divergences from the original text when appropriate.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL1:	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1a:	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1b:	Follow norms for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L1:	Core Conventions Skills for Grades 6-8:
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:3	Recognize and correct pronouns that have unclear or ambiguous antecedents.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:4	Explain the function of phrases and clauses in general, as well as in specific sentences.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:5	Place phrases and clauses within a sentence, recognizing and correcting misplaced and dangling modifiers.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:9	Recognize and correct inappropriate verb shifts.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L2:	Core Punctuation and Spelling Skills for Grades 6-8:
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:1	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes, hyphens) to clarify and enhance writing.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:2	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L4:	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4c:	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4d:	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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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L6:	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases; apply vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

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6

Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Craft and Structure

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RH5:

Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally, visually, and graphically).

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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

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RH7:

Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST1:	Cite specific evidence to support analysis of scientific and technical texts, charts, graphs, diagrams, etc. Understand and follow a detailed set of directions.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST7:	Identify and match scientific or technical information presented as text with a version of that information presented visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table).
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST9:	Compare and contrast the information gained from two or more experiments, simulations, videos, multimedia sources, readings from texts, graphs, charts, etc. on the same topic.

Lesson 06: Unit 4 Summarizing a Reference, pp. 53-60

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New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Reading Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Reading Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Craft and Structure

GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Text Types and Purposes

GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Develop personal, cultural, textual, and thematic connections within and across genres through written responses to texts and personal experiences.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	5	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

GRADE EXPECTATION	6	Conduct research based on focused questions to demonstrate understanding of the subject under investigation.
GRADE EXPECTATION	7	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information in writing while avoiding plagiarism

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats (including visual, quantitative, and oral).

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

GRADE EXPECTATION	5	Make strategic use of digital media and visual displays to express information and enhance understanding of presentations.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of academic English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Knowledge of Language

GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	6	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening; demonstrate independence in gathering and applying vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Reading Standards (Literary and Informational Text) 8R
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R2:	Determine one or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; summarize a text. (RI&RL)
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R3:	In literary texts, analyze how particular lines of dialogue or events propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision. (RL) In informational texts, analyze how individuals, events, and ideas are introduced, relate to each other, and are developed. (RI)
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Reading Standards (Literary and Informational Text) 8R
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R9:	Choose and develop criteria in order to evaluate the quality of texts. Make connections to other texts, ideas, cultural perspectives, eras, and personal experiences. (RI&RL)
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W2:	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2a:	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast,8 and cause/effect.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2b:	Develop a topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples; include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aid comprehension.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2c:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to explain a topic.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2d:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2e:	Provide a concluding statement or section that explains the significance of the information presented.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W

STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W3:	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, relevant descriptive details and clear sequencing.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8W3d:

Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

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8W5:

Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. Apply the grade 8 Reading Standards to both literary and informational text, where applicable

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

EXPECTATION /
CONTENT
SPECIFICATION

8W6:

Conduct research to answer questions, including self-generated questions, drawing on multiple sources, refocusing the inquiry when appropriate. Generate additional related questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.

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SPECIFICATION

8W7:

Gather relevant information from multiple sources; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others; avoid plagiarism and follow a standard format for citation.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL1:	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1a:	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; 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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GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1b:	Follow norms for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L1:	Core Conventions Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:3	Recognize and correct pronouns that have unclear or ambiguous antecedents.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:4	Explain the function of phrases and clauses in general, as well as in specific sentences.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:5	Place phrases and clauses within a sentence, recognizing and correcting misplaced and dangling modifiers.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:9	Recognize and correct inappropriate verb shifts.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L2:	Core Punctuation and Spelling Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:1	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes, hyphens) to clarify and enhance writing.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:2	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L4:	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4a:	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.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4b:	Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., precede, recede, secede).
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4c:	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4d:	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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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L5:	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L5b:	Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L6:	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases; apply vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Craft and Structure
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	4	Develop personal, cultural, textual, and thematic connections within and across genres through responses to texts and personal experiences.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME		
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	5	Conduct short as well as more sustained research based on focused questions to demonstrate understanding of the subject under investigation.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	6	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	7	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME		
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH1:	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH2:	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate, objective summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME		
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Craft and Structure

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH4:	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including content-specific vocabulary related to history/social studies.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH5:	Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally, visually, and graphically).
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST1:	Cite specific evidence to support analysis of scientific and technical texts, charts, graphs, diagrams, etc. Understand and follow a detailed set of directions.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST2:	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a source; provide an accurate, objective summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST3:	Describe how and why scientific ideas and reasoning are developed and modified over the course of a text, source, argument, etc.
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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Craft and Structure

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST4:	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other content-specific words and phrases as they are used in scientific or technical sources.
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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST2:	Write informative/explanatory text focused on discipline-specific content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2a:	Introduce a topic clearly; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2b:	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, data, definitions, concrete details, citations, or other information and examples.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2c:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2d:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to inform and/or to explain the topic.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST3:	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, appropriate to discipline-specific norms, conventions, and tasks.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST4:	Write responses to texts and to events (past and present), ideas, and theories that include personal, cultural, and thematic connections.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST5:	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question by the end of grade 8), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST6:	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source by applying discipline-specific criteria used in the social sciences or sciences; and quote or paraphrase the data/accounts and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST7:	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Reading Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Reading Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Craft and Structure
GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

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New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Text Types and Purposes

GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Develop personal, cultural, textual, and thematic connections within and across genres through written responses to texts and personal experiences.
GRADE EXPECTATION	5	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

GRADE EXPECTATION	6	Conduct research based on focused questions to demonstrate understanding of the subject under investigation.
GRADE EXPECTATION	7	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information in writing while avoiding plagiarism

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats (including visual, quantitative, and oral).
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE EXPECTATION	5	Make strategic use of digital media and visual displays to express information and enhance understanding of presentations.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards		
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning
GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of academic English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Knowledge of Language
GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

GRADE EXPECTATION	6	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening; demonstrate independence in gathering and applying vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Reading Standards (Literary and Informational Text) 8R
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R2:	Determine one or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; summarize a text. (RI&RL)

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R3:	In literary texts, analyze how particular lines of dialogue or events propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision. (RL) In informational texts, analyze how individuals, events, and ideas are introduced, relate to each other, and are developed. (RI)
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Reading Standards (Literary and Informational Text) 8R
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R9:	Choose and develop criteria in order to evaluate the quality of texts. Make connections to other texts, ideas, cultural perspectives, eras, and personal experiences. (RI&RL)

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W2:	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2a:	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2b:	Develop a topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples; include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aid comprehension.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2c:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to explain a topic.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2d:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2e:	Provide a concluding statement or section that explains the significance of the information presented.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W3:	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, relevant descriptive details and clear sequencing.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3d:	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W5:	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. Apply the grade 8 Reading Standards to both literary and informational text, where applicable
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W6:	Conduct research to answer questions, including self-generated questions, drawing on multiple sources, refocusing the inquiry when appropriate. Generate additional related questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W7:	Gather relevant information from multiple sources; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others; avoid plagiarism and follow a standard format for citation.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL1:	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1a:	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1b:	Follow norms for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L1:	Core Conventions Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:3	Recognize and correct pronouns that have unclear or ambiguous antecedents.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:9	Recognize and correct inappropriate verb shifts.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L2:	Core Punctuation and Spelling Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:1	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes, hyphens) to clarify and enhance writing.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:2	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L4:	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4a:	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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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4b:	Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., precede, recede, secede).
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4c:	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4d:	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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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L5:	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8L5b:

Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

EXPECTATION /
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8L6:

Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases; apply vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION /
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SPECIFICATION

1

Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.

EXPECTATION /
CONTENT
SPECIFICATION

2

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

EXPECTATION /
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3

Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Craft and Structure
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	4	Develop personal, cultural, textual, and thematic connections within and across genres through responses to texts and personal experiences.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	5	Conduct short as well as more sustained research based on focused questions to demonstrate understanding of the subject under investigation.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	6	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	7	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH1:	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH2:	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate, objective summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Craft and Structure

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH4:	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including content-specific vocabulary related to history/social studies.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST1:	Cite specific evidence to support analysis of scientific and technical texts, charts, graphs, diagrams, etc. Understand and follow a detailed set of directions.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST2:	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a source; provide an accurate, objective summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST3:	Describe how and why scientific ideas and reasoning are developed and modified over the course of a text, source, argument, etc.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Craft and Structure

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RST4:

Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other content-specific words and phrases as they are used in scientific or technical sources.

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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST2:	Write informative/explanatory text focused on discipline-specific content.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

WHST2a:

Introduce a topic clearly; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

WHST2b:

Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, data, definitions, concrete details, citations, or other information and examples.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

WHST2c:

Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

WHST2d:

Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to inform and/or to explain the topic.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

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WHST3:

Write narratives to understand an event or topic, appropriate to discipline-specific norms, conventions, and tasks.

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WHST4:

Write responses to texts and to events (past and present), ideas, and theories that include personal, cultural, and thematic connections.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST5:	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question by the end of grade 8), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST6:	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source by applying discipline-specific criteria used in the social sciences or sciences; and quote or paraphrase the data/accounts and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST7:	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

Lesson 08: Unit 4 Summarizing a Reference, pp. 71-82

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Reading Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Reading Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Craft and Structure

GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Text Types and Purposes

GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Develop personal, cultural, textual, and thematic connections within and across genres through written responses to texts and personal experiences.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats (including visual, quantitative, and oral).
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning
GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of academic English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Knowledge of Language
GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

GRADE EXPECTATION	6	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening; demonstrate independence in gathering and applying vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Reading Standards (Literary and Informational Text) 8R
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R2:	Determine one or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; summarize a text. (RI&RL)
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R3:	In literary texts, analyze how particular lines of dialogue or events propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision. (RL) In informational texts, analyze how individuals, events, and ideas are introduced, relate to each other, and are developed. (RI)
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W2:	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2a:	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2b:	Develop a topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples; include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aid comprehension.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2c:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to explain a topic.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2d:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2e:	Provide a concluding statement or section that explains the significance of the information presented.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W3:	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, relevant descriptive details and clear sequencing.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3d:	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W5:	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. Apply the grade 8 Reading Standards to both literary and informational text, where applicable
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL1:	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1a:	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; 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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GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1b:	Follow norms for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L1:	Core Conventions Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:3	Recognize and correct pronouns that have unclear or ambiguous antecedents.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:7	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives).
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:9	Recognize and correct inappropriate verb shifts.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L2:	Core Punctuation and Spelling Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:1	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes, hyphens) to clarify and enhance writing.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:2	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L4:	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4a:	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.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4c:	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4d:	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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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L5:	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L5b:	Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L6:	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases; apply vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Craft and Structure

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	4	Develop personal, cultural, textual, and thematic connections within and across genres through responses to texts and personal experiences.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	6	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	7	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION /
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RH1:

Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources.

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RH2:

Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate, objective summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.

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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Craft and Structure

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RH4:

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including content-specific vocabulary related to history/social studies.

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RH5:

Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally, visually, and graphically).

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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

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RST1:

Cite specific evidence to support analysis of scientific and technical texts, charts, graphs, diagrams, etc. Understand and follow a detailed set of directions.

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RST2:

Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a source; provide an accurate, objective summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST3:	Describe how and why scientific ideas and reasoning are developed and modified over the course of a text, source, argument, etc.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Craft and Structure
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST4:	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other content-specific words and phrases as they are used in scientific or technical sources.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST2:	Write informative/explanatory text focused on discipline-specific content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2a:	Introduce a topic clearly; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2b:	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, data, definitions, concrete details, citations, or other information and examples.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2c:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2d:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to inform and/or to explain the topic.
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST3:	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, appropriate to discipline-specific norms, conventions, and tasks.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST4:	Write responses to texts and to events (past and present), ideas, and theories that include personal, cultural, and thematic connections.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST7:	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

Lesson 09: Unit 5 Writing from Pictures, pp. 83-92

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE
EXPECTATION

1

Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.

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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning

GRADE
EXPECTATION

1

Demonstrate command of the conventions of academic English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE
EXPECTATION

4

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W2:	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2a:	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2b:	Develop a topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples; include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aid comprehension.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2c:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to explain a topic.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2d:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2e:	Provide a concluding statement or section that explains the significance of the information presented.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W3:	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, relevant descriptive details and clear sequencing.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3d:	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL1:	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1a:	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; 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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GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1b:	Follow norms for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L1:	Core Conventions Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:3	Recognize and correct pronouns that have unclear or ambiguous antecedents.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:9	Recognize and correct inappropriate verb shifts.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L2:	Core Punctuation and Spelling Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:1	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes, hyphens) to clarify and enhance writing.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:2	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L4:	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4c:	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4d:	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L5:	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8L5b:

Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.

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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

EXPECTATION /
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8L6:

Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases; apply vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION /
CONTENT
SPECIFICATION

2

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

EXPECTATION /
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SPECIFICATION

3

Write narratives to understand an event or topic, using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	6	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME		Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Craft and Structure
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH5:	Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally, visually, and graphically).
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME		Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST2:	Write informative/explanatory text focused on discipline-specific content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2a:	Introduce a topic clearly; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2b:	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, data, definitions, concrete details, citations, or other information and examples.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2c:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2d:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to inform and/or to explain the topic.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME		Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8

STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST3:	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, appropriate to discipline-specific norms, conventions, and tasks.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning

GRADE
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1

Demonstrate command of the conventions of academic English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE
EXPECTATION

4

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W2:	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8W2a:

Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8W2b:

Develop a topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples; include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aid comprehension.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8W2c:

Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to explain a topic.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8W2d:

Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2e:	Provide a concluding statement or section that explains the significance of the information presented.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W3:	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, relevant descriptive details and clear sequencing.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3d:	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL1:	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1a:	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; 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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GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1b:	Follow norms for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L1:	Core Conventions Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:3	Recognize and correct pronouns that have unclear or ambiguous antecedents.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:4	Explain the function of phrases and clauses in general, as well as in specific sentences.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:5	Place phrases and clauses within a sentence, recognizing and correcting misplaced and dangling modifiers.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:9	Recognize and correct inappropriate verb shifts.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L2:	Core Punctuation and Spelling Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:1	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes, hyphens) to clarify and enhance writing.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:2	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L4:	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4b:	Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., precede, recede, secede).
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4c:	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4d:	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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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L5:	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8L5b:

Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

EXPECTATION /
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8L6:

Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases; apply vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION /
CONTENT
SPECIFICATION

2

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

EXPECTATION /
CONTENT
SPECIFICATION

3

Write narratives to understand an event or topic, using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	6	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Craft and Structure
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH5:	Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally, visually, and graphically).
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST2:	Write informative/explanatory text focused on discipline-specific content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2a:	Introduce a topic clearly; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2b:	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, data, definitions, concrete details, citations, or other information and examples.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2c:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2d:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to inform and/or to explain the topic.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST3:	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, appropriate to discipline-specific norms, conventions, and tasks.
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Lesson 11: Unit 6 Summarizing Multiple References, pp. 101-112

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Reading Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Key Ideas and Details

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Reading Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Craft and Structure

GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Text Types and Purposes

GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Develop personal, cultural, textual, and thematic connections within and across genres through written responses to texts and personal experiences.
GRADE EXPECTATION	5	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

GRADE EXPECTATION	6	Conduct research based on focused questions to demonstrate understanding of the subject under investigation.
GRADE EXPECTATION	7	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information in writing while avoiding plagiarism

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats (including visual, quantitative, and oral).
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence so that listeners can follow the line of reasoning. Ensure that the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of academic English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Knowledge of Language

GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

GRADE EXPECTATION	6	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening; demonstrate independence in gathering and applying vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Reading Standards (Literary and Informational Text) 8R
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R2:	Determine one or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; summarize a text. (RI&RL)

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R3:	In literary texts, analyze how particular lines of dialogue or events propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision. (RL) In informational texts, analyze how individuals, events, and ideas are introduced, relate to each other, and are developed. (RI)
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W2:	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2a:	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W3:	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, relevant descriptive details and clear sequencing.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8W3d:

Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION /
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8W5:

Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. Apply the grade 8 Reading Standards to both literary and informational text, where applicable

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

EXPECTATION /
CONTENT
SPECIFICATION

8W6:

Conduct research to answer questions, including self-generated questions, drawing on multiple sources, refocusing the inquiry when appropriate. Generate additional related questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.

EXPECTATION /
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SPECIFICATION

8W7:

Gather relevant information from multiple sources; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others; avoid plagiarism and follow a standard format for citation.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL1:	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1a:	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; 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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GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1b:	Follow norms for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL4:	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear enunciation.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L2:	Core Punctuation and Spelling Skills for Grades 6-8:
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:1	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes, hyphens) to clarify and enhance writing.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:2	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L4:	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4a:	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.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4c:	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4d:	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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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L5:	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L5b:	Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.

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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Craft and Structure

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	4	Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	4	Develop personal, cultural, textual, and thematic connections within and across genres through responses to texts and personal experiences.
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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	5	Conduct short as well as more sustained research based on focused questions to demonstrate understanding of the subject under investigation.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	6	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	7	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH1:	Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH2:	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate, objective summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.
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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Craft and Structure

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH4:	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including content-specific vocabulary related to history/social studies.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH5:	Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally, visually, and graphically).
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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST1:	Cite specific evidence to support analysis of scientific and technical texts, charts, graphs, diagrams, etc. Understand and follow a detailed set of directions.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST2:	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a source; provide an accurate, objective summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST3:	Describe how and why scientific ideas and reasoning are developed and modified over the course of a text, source, argument, etc.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Craft and Structure
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST4:	Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other content-specific words and phrases as they are used in scientific or technical sources.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST4:	Write responses to texts and to events (past and present), ideas, and theories that include personal, cultural, and thematic connections.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST5:	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question by the end of grade 8), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST6:	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source by applying discipline-specific criteria used in the social sciences or sciences; and quote or paraphrase the data/accounts and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST7:	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE EXPECTATION	7	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information in writing while avoiding plagiarism

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning
GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of academic English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W2:	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2a:	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2b:	Develop a topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples; include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aid comprehension.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2c:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to explain a topic.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2d:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2e:	Provide a concluding statement or section that explains the significance of the information presented.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W3:	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, relevant descriptive details and clear sequencing.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3d:	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W6:	Conduct research to answer questions, including self-generated questions, drawing on multiple sources, refocusing the inquiry when appropriate. Generate additional related questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL1:	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1a:	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; 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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GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1b:	Follow norms for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L1:	Core Conventions Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:3	Recognize and correct pronouns that have unclear or ambiguous antecedents.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:9	Recognize and correct inappropriate verb shifts.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L2:	Core Punctuation and Spelling Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:1	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes, hyphens) to clarify and enhance writing.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:2	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L4:	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4c:	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4d:	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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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L6:	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases; apply vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	6	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

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RH2:

Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate, objective summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION /
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RST2:

Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a source; provide an accurate, objective summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST2:	Write informative/explanatory text focused on discipline-specific content.

GRADE
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WHST2a:

Introduce a topic clearly; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

WHST2b:

Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, data, definitions, concrete details, citations, or other information and examples.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

WHST2c:

Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.

GRADE
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WHST2d:

Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to inform and/or to explain the topic.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST3:	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, appropriate to discipline-specific norms, conventions, and tasks.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST5:	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question by the end of grade 8), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST6:	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source by applying discipline-specific criteria used in the social sciences or sciences; and quote or paraphrase the data/accounts and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST7:	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

Lesson 13: Unit 6 Summarizing Multiple References, pp. 119-124

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Reading Anchor Standards

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME		New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE EXPECTATION	5	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME		New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE EXPECTATION	6	Conduct research based on focused questions to demonstrate understanding of the subject under investigation.
GRADE EXPECTATION	7	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information in writing while avoiding plagiarism
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME		New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats (including visual, quantitative, and oral).

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Present information, findings, and supporting evidence so that listeners can follow the line of reasoning. Ensure that the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
GRADE EXPECTATION	5	Make strategic use of digital media and visual displays to express information and enhance understanding of presentations.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning
GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of academic English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Reading Standards (Literary and Informational Text) 8R
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R2:	Determine one or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; summarize a text. (RI&RL)
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W1:	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W1b:	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using credible sources while demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W6:	Conduct research to answer questions, including self-generated questions, drawing on multiple sources, refocusing the inquiry when appropriate. Generate additional related questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W7:	Gather relevant information from multiple sources; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others; avoid plagiarism and follow a standard format for citation.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL1:	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1a:	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1b:	Follow norms for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL4:	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear enunciation.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L2:	Core Punctuation and Spelling Skills for Grades 6-8:
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:1	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes, hyphens) to clarify and enhance writing.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:2	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L4:	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4c:	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4d:	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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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	5	Conduct short as well as more sustained research based on focused questions to demonstrate understanding of the subject under investigation.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	6	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	7	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH2:	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate, objective summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Craft and Structure
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH5:	Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally, visually, and graphically).

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH7:	Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST1:	Cite specific evidence to support analysis of scientific and technical texts, charts, graphs, diagrams, etc. Understand and follow a detailed set of directions.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST2:	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a source; provide an accurate, objective summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST7:	Identify and match scientific or technical information presented as text with a version of that information presented visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table).
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST9:	Compare and contrast the information gained from two or more experiments, simulations, videos, multimedia sources, readings from texts, graphs, charts, etc. on the same topic.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST1:	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST1b:	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant, accurate data and evidence that demonstrate an understanding of the topic by identifying and using credible sources.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST2:	Write informative/explanatory text focused on discipline-specific content.

GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2b:	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, data, definitions, concrete details, citations, or other information and examples.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST5:	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question by the end of grade 8), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST6:	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source by applying discipline-specific criteria used in the social sciences or sciences; and quote or paraphrase the data/accounts and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST7:	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

Lesson 14: Unit 6 Summarizing Multiple References, pp. 125-130

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

GRADE EXPECTATION	7	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information in writing while avoiding plagiarism
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of academic English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE
EXPECTATION

4

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W2:	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8W2a:

Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8W2b:

Develop a topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples; include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aid comprehension.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8W2c:

Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to explain a topic.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8W2d:

Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8W2e:

Provide a concluding statement or section that explains the significance of the information presented.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W3:	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, relevant descriptive details and clear sequencing.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8W3d:

Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

EXPECTATION /
CONTENT
SPECIFICATION

8W6:

Conduct research to answer questions, including self-generated questions, drawing on multiple sources, refocusing the inquiry when appropriate. Generate additional related questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL1:	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8SL1a:

Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8SL1b:

Follow norms for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L1:	Core Conventions Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8L1:3

Recognize and correct pronouns that have unclear or ambiguous antecedents.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8L1:9

Recognize and correct inappropriate verb shifts.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L2:	Core Punctuation and Spelling Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:1	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes, hyphens) to clarify and enhance writing.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:2	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L4:	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4c:	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4d:	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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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L6:	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases; apply vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	6	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH2:	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate, objective summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST2:	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a source; provide an accurate, objective summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST2:	Write informative/explanatory text focused on discipline-specific content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2a:	Introduce a topic clearly; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2b:	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, data, definitions, concrete details, citations, or other information and examples.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2c:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2d:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to inform and/or to explain the topic.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST3:	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, appropriate to discipline-specific norms, conventions, and tasks.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8

STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST5:	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question by the end of grade 8), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST6:	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source by applying discipline-specific criteria used in the social sciences or sciences; and quote or paraphrase the data/accounts and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST7:	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

Lesson 15: Unit 7 Inventive Writing, pp. 131-136

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Text Types and Purposes

GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning
GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of academic English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W2:	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2a:	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2b:	Develop a topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples; include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aid comprehension.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2c:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to explain a topic.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2d:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2e:	Provide a concluding statement or section that explains the significance of the information presented.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W3:	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, relevant descriptive details and clear sequencing.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3d:	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL1:	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1a:	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; 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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GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1b:	Follow norms for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L1:	Core Conventions Skills for Grades 6-8:
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:3	Recognize and correct pronouns that have unclear or ambiguous antecedents.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:9	Recognize and correct inappropriate verb shifts.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L2:	Core Punctuation and Spelling Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:1	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes, hyphens) to clarify and enhance writing.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:2	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L4:	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4b:	Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., precede, recede, secede).
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4c:	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4d:	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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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L5:	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8L5b:

Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

EXPECTATION /
CONTENT
SPECIFICATION

8L6:

Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases; apply vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION /
CONTENT
SPECIFICATION

2

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

EXPECTATION /
CONTENT
SPECIFICATION

3

Write narratives to understand an event or topic, using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST2:	Write informative/explanatory text focused on discipline-specific content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2a:	Introduce a topic clearly; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2b:	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, data, definitions, concrete details, citations, or other information and examples.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2c:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2d:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to inform and/or to explain the topic.

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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST3:	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, appropriate to discipline-specific norms, conventions, and tasks.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning
GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of academic English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W2:	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2a:	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2b:	Develop a topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples; include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aid comprehension.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2c:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to explain a topic.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2d:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2e:	Provide a concluding statement or section that explains the significance of the information presented.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W3:	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, relevant descriptive details and clear sequencing.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3d:	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W7:	Gather relevant information from multiple sources; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others; avoid plagiarism and follow a standard format for citation.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL1:	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1a:	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1b:	Follow norms for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L1:	Core Conventions Skills for Grades 6-8:
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:3	Recognize and correct pronouns that have unclear or ambiguous antecedents.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:4	Explain the function of phrases and clauses in general, as well as in specific sentences.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:5	Place phrases and clauses within a sentence, recognizing and correcting misplaced and dangling modifiers.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:9	Recognize and correct inappropriate verb shifts.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L2:	Core Punctuation and Spelling Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:1	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes, hyphens) to clarify and enhance writing.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:2	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L4:	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4c:	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4d:	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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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L6:	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases; apply vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME **Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards**

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	6	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH2:	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate, objective summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST2:	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a source; provide an accurate, objective summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST2:	Write informative/explanatory text focused on discipline-specific content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2a:	Introduce a topic clearly; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2b:	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, data, definitions, concrete details, citations, or other information and examples.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2c:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2d:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to inform and/or to explain the topic.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST3:	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, appropriate to discipline-specific norms, conventions, and tasks.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST6:	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source by applying discipline-specific criteria used in the social sciences or sciences; and quote or paraphrase the data/accounts and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST7:	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Reading Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Key Ideas and Details

GRADE
EXPECTATION

2

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

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Text Types and Purposes

GRADE
EXPECTATION

2

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

3

Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE
EXPECTATION

1

Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning

GRADE
EXPECTATION

1

Demonstrate command of the conventions of academic English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE
EXPECTATION

4

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Reading Standards (Literary and Informational Text) 8R
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R2:	Determine one or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; summarize a text. (RI&RL)
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W2:	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2a:	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast,8 and cause/effect.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2b:	Develop a topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples; include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aid comprehension.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2c:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to explain a topic.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2d:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2e:	Provide a concluding statement or section that explains the significance of the information presented.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W3:	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, relevant descriptive details and clear sequencing.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3d:	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W

STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W7:	Gather relevant information from multiple sources; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others; avoid plagiarism and follow a standard format for citation.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL1:	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1a:	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1b:	Follow norms for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L1:	Core Conventions Skills for Grades 6-8:
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:3	Recognize and correct pronouns that have unclear or ambiguous antecedents.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:9	Recognize and correct inappropriate verb shifts.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L

STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L2:	Core Punctuation and Spelling Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:1	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes, hyphens) to clarify and enhance writing.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:2	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L4:	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4c:	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4d:	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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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L6:	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases; apply vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	6	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST2:	Write informative/explanatory text focused on discipline-specific content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2a:	Introduce a topic clearly; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose.

GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2b:	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, data, definitions, concrete details, citations, or other information and examples.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2c:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2d:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to inform and/or to explain the topic.

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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Text Types and Purposes

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WHST3:

Write narratives to understand an event or topic, appropriate to discipline-specific norms, conventions, and tasks.

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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

EXPECTATION /
CONTENT
SPECIFICATION

WHST6:

Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source by applying discipline-specific criteria used in the social sciences or sciences; and quote or paraphrase the data/accounts and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Reading Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Key Ideas and Details

GRADE
EXPECTATION

3

Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Text Types and Purposes

GRADE
EXPECTATION

3

Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

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EXPECTATION

5

Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

GRADE
EXPECTATION

6

Conduct research based on focused questions to demonstrate understanding of the subject under investigation.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

7

Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information in writing while avoiding plagiarism

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats (including visual, quantitative, and oral).
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

GRADE EXPECTATION	5	Make strategic use of digital media and visual displays to express information and enhance understanding of presentations.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of academic English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME		New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Reading Standards (Literary and Informational Text) 8R
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R3:	In literary texts, analyze how particular lines of dialogue or events propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision. (RL) In informational texts, analyze how individuals, events, and ideas are introduced, relate to each other, and are developed. (RI)
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME		New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W1:	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W1b:	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using credible sources while demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W2:	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2a:	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2b:	Develop a topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples; include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aid comprehension.
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Text Types and Purposes
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3d:	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W6:	Conduct research to answer questions, including self-generated questions, drawing on multiple sources, refocusing the inquiry when appropriate. Generate additional related questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W7:	Gather relevant information from multiple sources; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others; avoid plagiarism and follow a standard format for citation.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL1:	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1b:	Follow norms for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L2:	Core Punctuation and Spelling Skills for Grades 6-8:
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:1	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes, hyphens) to clarify and enhance writing.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:2	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L4:	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4c:	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4d:	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	5	Conduct short as well as more sustained research based on focused questions to demonstrate understanding of the subject under investigation.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	6	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	7	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Craft and Structure
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH5:	Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally, visually, and graphically).

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

EXPECTATION /
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RH7:

Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.

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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION /
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RST1:

Cite specific evidence to support analysis of scientific and technical texts, charts, graphs, diagrams, etc. Understand and follow a detailed set of directions.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Craft and Structure

EXPECTATION /
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RST5:

Analyze the structure an author uses to organize a text, including how the major sections contribute to the whole and to an understanding of the topic.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

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RST7:

Identify and match scientific or technical information presented as text with a version of that information presented visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table).

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST9:	Compare and contrast the information gained from two or more experiments, simulations, videos, multimedia sources, readings from texts, graphs, charts, etc. on the same topic.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST1:	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST1b:	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant, accurate data and evidence that demonstrate an understanding of the topic by identifying and using credible sources.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST2:	Write informative/explanatory text focused on discipline-specific content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2b:	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, data, definitions, concrete details, citations, or other information and examples.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST5:	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question by the end of grade 8), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST6:	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source by applying discipline-specific criteria used in the social sciences or sciences; and quote or paraphrase the data/accounts and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST7:	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Reading Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Key Ideas and Details

GRADE
EXPECTATION

2

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

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New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Text Types and Purposes

GRADE
EXPECTATION

2

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

3

Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

5

Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

GRADE EXPECTATION	6	Conduct research based on focused questions to demonstrate understanding of the subject under investigation.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	7	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information in writing while avoiding plagiarism
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats (including visual, quantitative, and oral).
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of academic English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE
EXPECTATION

4

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Reading Standards (Literary and Informational Text) 8R
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION /
CONTENT
SPECIFICATION

8R2:

Determine one or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; summarize a text. (RI&RL)

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W2:	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8W2a:

Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8W2b:

Develop a topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples; include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aid comprehension.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8W2c:

Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to explain a topic.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8W2d:

Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8W2e:

Provide a concluding statement or section that explains the significance of the information presented.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W3:	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, relevant descriptive details and clear sequencing.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8W3d:

Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

EXPECTATION /
CONTENT
SPECIFICATION

8W6:

Conduct research to answer questions, including self-generated questions, drawing on multiple sources, refocusing the inquiry when appropriate. Generate additional related questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.

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SPECIFICATION

8W7:

Gather relevant information from multiple sources; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others; avoid plagiarism and follow a standard format for citation.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL1:	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8SL1a:

Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; 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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8SL1b:

Follow norms for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L1:	Core Conventions Skills for Grades 6-8:
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:3	Recognize and correct pronouns that have unclear or ambiguous antecedents.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:7	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives).
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:9	Recognize and correct inappropriate verb shifts.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L2:	Core Punctuation and Spelling Skills for Grades 6-8:
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:1	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes, hyphens) to clarify and enhance writing.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:2	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L4:	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4c:	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4d:	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L6:	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases; apply vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	5	Conduct short as well as more sustained research based on focused questions to demonstrate understanding of the subject under investigation.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	6	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	7	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

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Subjects Standards**

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Craft and Structure
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH5:	Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally, visually, and graphically).

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Subjects Standards**

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH7:	Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.

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Subjects Standards**

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION

RST1:

Cite specific evidence to support analysis of scientific and technical texts, charts, graphs, diagrams, etc. Understand and follow a detailed set of directions.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION

RST7:

Identify and match scientific or technical information presented as text with a version of that information presented visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table).

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION

RST9:

Compare and contrast the information gained from two or more experiments, simulations, videos, multimedia sources, readings from texts, graphs, charts, etc. on the same topic.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST2:	Write informative/explanatory text focused on discipline-specific content.

GRADE EXPECTATION

WHST2a:

Introduce a topic clearly; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose.

GRADE EXPECTATION

WHST2b:

Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, data, definitions, concrete details, citations, or other information and examples.

GRADE EXPECTATION

WHST2c:

Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.

GRADE EXPECTATION

WHST2d:

Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to inform and/or to explain the topic.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

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WHST3:

Write narratives to understand an event or topic, appropriate to discipline-specific norms, conventions, and tasks.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

EXPECTATION /
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WHST5:

Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question by the end of grade 8), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.

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WHST6:

Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source by applying discipline-specific criteria used in the social sciences or sciences; and quote or paraphrase the data/accounts and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

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WHST7:

Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Reading Anchor Standards

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
GRADE EXPECTATION	7	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information in writing while avoiding plagiarism
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats (including visual, quantitative, and oral).
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards		
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning
GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of academic English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards		
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards		
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Reading Standards (Literary and Informational Text) 8R
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R2:	Determine one or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; summarize a text. (RI&RL)

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W2:	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2a:	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast,8 and cause/effect.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2b:	Develop a topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples; include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aid comprehension.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2c:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to explain a topic.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2d:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2e:	Provide a concluding statement or section that explains the significance of the information presented.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W3:	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, relevant descriptive details and clear sequencing.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3d:	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W6:	Conduct research to answer questions, including self-generated questions, drawing on multiple sources, refocusing the inquiry when appropriate. Generate additional related questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W7:	Gather relevant information from multiple sources; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others; avoid plagiarism and follow a standard format for citation.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL1:	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1a:	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1b:	Follow norms for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L1:	Core Conventions Skills for Grades 6-8:
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:3	Recognize and correct pronouns that have unclear or ambiguous antecedents.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:7	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives).
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:9	Recognize and correct inappropriate verb shifts.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L2:	Core Punctuation and Spelling Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:1	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes, hyphens) to clarify and enhance writing.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:2	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L4:	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4c:	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4d:	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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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L6:	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases; apply vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	6	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Craft and Structure
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH5:	Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally, visually, and graphically).

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

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RH7:

Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

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RST1:

Cite specific evidence to support analysis of scientific and technical texts, charts, graphs, diagrams, etc. Understand and follow a detailed set of directions.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

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RST7:

Identify and match scientific or technical information presented as text with a version of that information presented visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table).

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RST9:

Compare and contrast the information gained from two or more experiments, simulations, videos, multimedia sources, readings from texts, graphs, charts, etc. on the same topic.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST2:	Write informative/explanatory text focused on discipline-specific content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2a:	Introduce a topic clearly; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2b:	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, data, definitions, concrete details, citations, or other information and examples.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2c:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2d:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to inform and/or to explain the topic.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST3:	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, appropriate to discipline-specific norms, conventions, and tasks.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST5:	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question by the end of grade 8), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST6:	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source by applying discipline-specific criteria used in the social sciences or sciences; and quote or paraphrase the data/accounts and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Reading Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Key Ideas and Details

GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Text Types and Purposes

GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

GRADE EXPECTATION	7	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information in writing while avoiding plagiarism
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats (including visual, quantitative, and oral).
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of academic English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Reading Standards (Literary and Informational Text) 8R
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R2:	Determine one or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; summarize a text. (RI&RL)

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W2:	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2a:	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2b:	Develop a topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples; include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aid comprehension.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2c:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to explain a topic.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2d:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2e:	Provide a concluding statement or section that explains the significance of the information presented.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W3:	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, relevant descriptive details and clear sequencing.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3d:	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W6:	Conduct research to answer questions, including self-generated questions, drawing on multiple sources, refocusing the inquiry when appropriate. Generate additional related questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W7:	Gather relevant information from multiple sources; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others; avoid plagiarism and follow a standard format for citation.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL1:	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1a:	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; 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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GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1b:	Follow norms for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L1:	Core Conventions Skills for Grades 6-8:
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:3	Recognize and correct pronouns that have unclear or ambiguous antecedents.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:4	Explain the function of phrases and clauses in general, as well as in specific sentences.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:5	Place phrases and clauses within a sentence, recognizing and correcting misplaced and dangling modifiers.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:7	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives).
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:9	Recognize and correct inappropriate verb shifts.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L2:	Core Punctuation and Spelling Skills for Grades 6-8:
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:1	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes, hyphens) to clarify and enhance writing.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:2	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L4:	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4b:	Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., precede, recede, secede).

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4c:	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4d:	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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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L5:	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

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8L5b:

Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

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8L6:

Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases; apply vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION /
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2

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

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	6	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH2:	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate, objective summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Craft and Structure

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH5:	Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally, visually, and graphically).
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH7:	Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST1:	Cite specific evidence to support analysis of scientific and technical texts, charts, graphs, diagrams, etc. Understand and follow a detailed set of directions.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST2:	Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a source; provide an accurate, objective summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST7:	Identify and match scientific or technical information presented as text with a version of that information presented visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table).
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST9:	Compare and contrast the information gained from two or more experiments, simulations, videos, multimedia sources, readings from texts, graphs, charts, etc. on the same topic.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST2:	Write informative/explanatory text focused on discipline-specific content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2a:	Introduce a topic clearly; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2b:	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, data, definitions, concrete details, citations, or other information and examples.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2c:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2d:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to inform and/or to explain the topic.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST3:	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, appropriate to discipline-specific norms, conventions, and tasks.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST5:	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question by the end of grade 8), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST6:	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source by applying discipline-specific criteria used in the social sciences or sciences; and quote or paraphrase the data/accounts and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST7:	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Reading Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Reading Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE EXPECTATION	9	Analyze and evaluate texts using knowledge of literary forms, elements, and devices through a variety of lenses and perspectives.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Develop personal, cultural, textual, and thematic connections within and across genres through written responses to texts and personal experiences.
GRADE EXPECTATION	5	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats (including visual, quantitative, and oral).

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning
GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of academic English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Knowledge of Language
GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
GRADE EXPECTATION	6	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening; demonstrate independence in gathering and applying vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME		New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Reading Standards (Literary and Informational Text) 8R
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R2:	Determine one or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; summarize a text. (RI&RL)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R3:	In literary texts, analyze how particular lines of dialogue or events propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision. (RL) In informational texts, analyze how individuals, events, and ideas are introduced, relate to each other, and are developed. (RI)

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W2:	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2a:	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2b:	Develop a topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples; include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aid comprehension.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2c:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to explain a topic.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2d:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2e:	Provide a concluding statement or section that explains the significance of the information presented.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W3:	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, relevant descriptive details and clear sequencing.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3d:	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W5:	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. Apply the grade 8 Reading Standards to both literary and informational text, where applicable

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL1:	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1a:	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1b:	Follow norms for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L1:	Core Conventions Skills for Grades 6-8:
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:3	Recognize and correct pronouns that have unclear or ambiguous antecedents.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:9	Recognize and correct inappropriate verb shifts.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L2:	Core Punctuation and Spelling Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:1	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes, hyphens) to clarify and enhance writing.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:2	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L4:	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4a:	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.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4c:	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4d:	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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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L6:	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases; apply vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	4	Develop personal, cultural, textual, and thematic connections within and across genres through responses to texts and personal experiences.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing

STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	7	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME		Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Craft and Structure
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH5:	Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally, visually, and graphically).
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME		Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH7:	Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME		Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST1:	Cite specific evidence to support analysis of scientific and technical texts, charts, graphs, diagrams, etc. Understand and follow a detailed set of directions.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME		Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST7:	Identify and match scientific or technical information presented as text with a version of that information presented visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table).
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST9:	Compare and contrast the information gained from two or more experiments, simulations, videos, multimedia sources, readings from texts, graphs, charts, etc. on the same topic.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST2:	Write informative/explanatory text focused on discipline-specific content.

GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2a:	Introduce a topic clearly; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2b:	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, data, definitions, concrete details, citations, or other information and examples.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2c:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2d:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to inform and/or to explain the topic.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2e:	Establish and maintain a formal style appropriate to the academic discipline, purpose, and audience.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST3:	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, appropriate to discipline-specific norms, conventions, and tasks.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST4:	Write responses to texts and to events (past and present), ideas, and theories that include personal, cultural, and thematic connections.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Reading Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Key Ideas and Details

GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Text Types and Purposes

GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats (including visual, quantitative, and oral).
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of academic English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Reading Standards (Literary and Informational Text) 8R
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R2:	Determine one or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; summarize a text. (RI&RL)
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W2:	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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GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2a:	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2b:	Develop a topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples; include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aid comprehension.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2c:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to explain a topic.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2d:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2e:	Provide a concluding statement or section that explains the significance of the information presented.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W3:	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, relevant descriptive details and clear sequencing.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3d:	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W7:	Gather relevant information from multiple sources; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others; avoid plagiarism and follow a standard format for citation.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL1:	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1a:	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1b:	Follow norms for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L1:	Core Conventions Skills for Grades 6-8:
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:3	Recognize and correct pronouns that have unclear or ambiguous antecedents.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:9	Recognize and correct inappropriate verb shifts.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L2:	Core Punctuation and Spelling Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:1	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes, hyphens) to clarify and enhance writing.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:2	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L4:	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4c:	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4d:	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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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L6:	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases; apply vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	6	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Craft and Structure
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH5:	Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally, visually, and graphically).
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH7:	Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST1:	Cite specific evidence to support analysis of scientific and technical texts, charts, graphs, diagrams, etc. Understand and follow a detailed set of directions.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST7:	Identify and match scientific or technical information presented as text with a version of that information presented visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table).
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST9:	Compare and contrast the information gained from two or more experiments, simulations, videos, multimedia sources, readings from texts, graphs, charts, etc. on the same topic.

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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST2:	Write informative/explanatory text focused on discipline-specific content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2a:	Introduce a topic clearly; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2b:	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, data, definitions, concrete details, citations, or other information and examples.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2c:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2d:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to inform and/or to explain the topic.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST3:	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, appropriate to discipline-specific norms, conventions, and tasks.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST6:	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source by applying discipline-specific criteria used in the social sciences or sciences; and quote or paraphrase the data/accounts and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

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New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Reading Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Key Ideas and Details
GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Text Types and Purposes
GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Develop personal, cultural, textual, and thematic connections within and across genres through written responses to texts and personal experiences.
GRADE EXPECTATION	5	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

GRADE EXPECTATION	6	Conduct research based on focused questions to demonstrate understanding of the subject under investigation.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	7	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information in writing while avoiding plagiarism
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats (including visual, quantitative, and oral).
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

GRADE EXPECTATION	5	Make strategic use of digital media and visual displays to express information and enhance understanding of presentations.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of academic English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Knowledge of Language

GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	6	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening; demonstrate independence in gathering and applying vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Reading Standards (Literary and Informational Text) 8R
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R2:	Determine one or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; summarize a text. (RI&RL)

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R3:	In literary texts, analyze how particular lines of dialogue or events propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision. (RL) In informational texts, analyze how individuals, events, and ideas are introduced, relate to each other, and are developed. (RI)
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W1:	Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W1b:	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using credible sources while demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W2:	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2a:	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2b:	Develop a topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples; include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aid comprehension.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2c:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to explain a topic.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2d:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2e:	Provide a concluding statement or section that explains the significance of the information presented.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W3:	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, relevant descriptive details and clear sequencing.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3d:	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W5:	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. Apply the grade 8 Reading Standards to both literary and informational text, where applicable
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W6:	Conduct research to answer questions, including self-generated questions, drawing on multiple sources, refocusing the inquiry when appropriate. Generate additional related questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W7:	Gather relevant information from multiple sources; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others; avoid plagiarism and follow a standard format for citation.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL1:	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1a:	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1b:	Follow norms for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L1:	Core Conventions Skills for Grades 6-8:
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:3	Recognize and correct pronouns that have unclear or ambiguous antecedents.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:7	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives).
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:9	Recognize and correct inappropriate verb shifts.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L

STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L2:	Core Punctuation and Spelling Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:1	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes, hyphens) to clarify and enhance writing.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:2	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L4:	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4a:	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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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4c:	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4d:	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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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L6:	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases; apply vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	4	Develop personal, cultural, textual, and thematic connections within and across genres through responses to texts and personal experiences.

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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	5	Conduct short as well as more sustained research based on focused questions to demonstrate understanding of the subject under investigation.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	6	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	7	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Craft and Structure
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH5:	Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally, visually, and graphically).
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH7:	Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST1:	Cite specific evidence to support analysis of scientific and technical texts, charts, graphs, diagrams, etc. Understand and follow a detailed set of directions.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST7:	Identify and match scientific or technical information presented as text with a version of that information presented visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table).
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST9:	Compare and contrast the information gained from two or more experiments, simulations, videos, multimedia sources, readings from texts, graphs, charts, etc. on the same topic.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST1:	Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.

GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST1b:	Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant, accurate data and evidence that demonstrate an understanding of the topic by identifying and using credible sources.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST2:	Write informative/explanatory text focused on discipline-specific content.

GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2a:	Introduce a topic clearly; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2b:	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, data, definitions, concrete details, citations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2c:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2d:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to inform and/or to explain the topic.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST3:	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, appropriate to discipline-specific norms, conventions, and tasks.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST4:	Write responses to texts and to events (past and present), ideas, and theories that include personal, cultural, and thematic connections.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST5:	Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question by the end of grade 8), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST6:	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source by applying discipline-specific criteria used in the social sciences or sciences; and quote or paraphrase the data/accounts and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST7:	Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Reading Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Key Ideas and Details

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Reading Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Craft and Structure

GRADE EXPECTATION	6	Assess how point of view or purpose shapes the content and style of a text, drawing on a wide range of global and diverse texts.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Text Types and Purposes

GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Develop personal, cultural, textual, and thematic connections within and across genres through written responses to texts and personal experiences.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	5	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats (including visual, quantitative, and oral).
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning
GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of academic English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Knowledge of Language
GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

GRADE EXPECTATION	6	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening; demonstrate independence in gathering and applying vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Reading Standards (Literary and Informational Text) 8R
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R2:	Determine one or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; summarize a text. (RI&RL)

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R3:	In literary texts, analyze how particular lines of dialogue or events propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision. (RL) In informational texts, analyze how individuals, events, and ideas are introduced, relate to each other, and are developed. (RI)
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W2:	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2a:	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2b:	Develop a topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples; include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aid comprehension.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2c:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to explain a topic.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2d:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2e:	Provide a concluding statement or section that explains the significance of the information presented.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W3:	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, relevant descriptive details and clear sequencing.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3d:	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W5:	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. Apply the grade 8 Reading Standards to both literary and informational text, where applicable
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL1:	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1a:	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; 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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GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1b:	Follow norms for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L1:	Core Conventions Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:3	Recognize and correct pronouns that have unclear or ambiguous antecedents.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:9	Recognize and correct inappropriate verb shifts.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L2:	Core Punctuation and Spelling Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:1	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes, hyphens) to clarify and enhance writing.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:2	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L4:	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4a:	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.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4c:	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4d:	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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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L6:	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases; apply vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Craft and Structure
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	6	Assess how point of view or purpose shapes the content and style of a text, drawing on a wide range of global and diverse texts.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	4	Develop personal, cultural, textual, and thematic connections within and across genres through responses to texts and personal experiences.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	7	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Craft and Structure

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH5:	Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally, visually, and graphically).
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH6:	Identify aspects of a text that reveal an author's point of view, stance, or purpose (e.g. rhetorical language, inclusion or avoidance of particular facts, images, visuals, etc.).
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH7:	Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST1:	Cite specific evidence to support analysis of scientific and technical texts, charts, graphs, diagrams, etc. Understand and follow a detailed set of directions.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST7:	Identify and match scientific or technical information presented as text with a version of that information presented visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table).
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST9:	Compare and contrast the information gained from two or more experiments, simulations, videos, multimedia sources, readings from texts, graphs, charts, etc. on the same topic.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST2:	Write informative/explanatory text focused on discipline-specific content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2a:	Introduce a topic clearly; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2b:	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, data, definitions, concrete details, citations, or other information and examples.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2c:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2d:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to inform and/or to explain the topic.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST3:	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, appropriate to discipline-specific norms, conventions, and tasks.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST4:	Write responses to texts and to events (past and present), ideas, and theories that include personal, cultural, and thematic connections.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Reading Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Key Ideas and Details

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Text Types and Purposes

GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Develop personal, cultural, textual, and thematic connections within and across genres through written responses to texts and personal experiences.
GRADE EXPECTATION	5	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Comprehension and Collaboration
GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning
GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of academic English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Knowledge of Language
GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.

GRADE EXPECTATION	6	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening; demonstrate independence in gathering and applying vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Reading Standards (Literary and Informational Text) 8R
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R2:	Determine one or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; summarize a text. (RI&RL)
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W2:	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2a:	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2b:	Develop a topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples; include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aid comprehension.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2c:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to explain a topic.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2d:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2e:	Provide a concluding statement or section that explains the significance of the information presented.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W

STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W3:	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, relevant descriptive details and clear sequencing.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8W3d:

Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

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8W5:

Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. Apply the grade 8 Reading Standards to both literary and informational text, where applicable

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

EXPECTATION /
CONTENT
SPECIFICATION

8W7:

Gather relevant information from multiple sources; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others; avoid plagiarism and follow a standard format for citation.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL1:	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

8SL1a:

Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1b:	Follow norms for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L1:	Core Conventions Skills for Grades 6-8:
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:3	Recognize and correct pronouns that have unclear or ambiguous antecedents.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:9	Recognize and correct inappropriate verb shifts.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L2:	Core Punctuation and Spelling Skills for Grades 6-8:
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:1	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes, hyphens) to clarify and enhance writing.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:2	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L4:	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4a:	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.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4b:	Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., precede, recede, secede).
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4c:	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4d:	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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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L5:	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L5b:	Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L6:	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases; apply vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	4	Develop personal, cultural, textual, and thematic connections within and across genres through responses to texts and personal experiences.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	7	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8

STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST2:	Write informative/explanatory text focused on discipline-specific content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2a:	Introduce a topic clearly; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2b:	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, data, definitions, concrete details, citations, or other information and examples.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2c:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2d:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to inform and/or to explain the topic.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST3:	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, appropriate to discipline-specific norms, conventions, and tasks.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST4:	Write responses to texts and to events (past and present), ideas, and theories that include personal, cultural, and thematic connections.

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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST6:	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source by applying discipline-specific criteria used in the social sciences or sciences; and quote or paraphrase the data/accounts and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Text Types and Purposes

GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats (including visual, quantitative, and oral).
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
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GRADE EXPECTATION	5	Make strategic use of digital media and visual displays to express information and enhance understanding of presentations.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of academic English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W2:	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2a:	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2b:	Develop a topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples; include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aid comprehension.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2c:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to explain a topic.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2d:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2e:	Provide a concluding statement or section that explains the significance of the information presented.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W3:	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, relevant descriptive details and clear sequencing.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3d:	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W7:	Gather relevant information from multiple sources; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others; avoid plagiarism and follow a standard format for citation.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL1:	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1a:	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; 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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GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1b:	Follow norms for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L1:	Core Conventions Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:3	Recognize and correct pronouns that have unclear or ambiguous antecedents.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:7	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives).
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:9	Recognize and correct inappropriate verb shifts.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L2:	Core Punctuation and Spelling Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:1	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes, hyphens) to clarify and enhance writing.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:2	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L4:	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4c:	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4d:	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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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L6:	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases; apply vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	6	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME		Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Craft and Structure
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH5:	Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally, visually, and graphically).
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME		Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH7:	Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME		Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST1:	Cite specific evidence to support analysis of scientific and technical texts, charts, graphs, diagrams, etc. Understand and follow a detailed set of directions.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME		Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8

STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST7:	Identify and match scientific or technical information presented as text with a version of that information presented visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table).
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST9:	Compare and contrast the information gained from two or more experiments, simulations, videos, multimedia sources, readings from texts, graphs, charts, etc. on the same topic.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST2:	Write informative/explanatory text focused on discipline-specific content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2a:	Introduce a topic clearly; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2b:	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, data, definitions, concrete details, citations, or other information and examples.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2c:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2d:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to inform and/or to explain the topic.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST3:	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, appropriate to discipline-specific norms, conventions, and tasks.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION

WHST6: Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source by applying discipline-specific criteria used in the social sciences or sciences; and quote or paraphrase the data/accounts and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Reading Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Key Ideas and Details

GRADE EXPECTATION

1 Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.

GRADE EXPECTATION

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

GRADE EXPECTATION

3 Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Text Types and Purposes

GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.
GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Develop personal, cultural, textual, and thematic connections within and across genres through written responses to texts and personal experiences.
GRADE EXPECTATION	5	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of academic English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Knowledge of Language
GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	6	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening; demonstrate independence in gathering and applying vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Reading Standards (Literary and Informational Text) 8R
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R2:	Determine one or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; summarize a text. (RI&RL)
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R3:	In literary texts, analyze how particular lines of dialogue or events propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision. (RL) In informational texts, analyze how individuals, events, and ideas are introduced, relate to each other, and are developed. (RI)
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W2:	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2a:	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2b:	Develop a topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples; include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aid comprehension.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2c:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to explain a topic.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2d:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2e:	Provide a concluding statement or section that explains the significance of the information presented.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W3:	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, relevant descriptive details and clear sequencing.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3d:	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W5:	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. Apply the grade 8 Reading Standards to both literary and informational text, where applicable

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL1:	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1a:	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1b:	Follow norms for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L1:	Core Conventions Skills for Grades 6-8:
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:3	Recognize and correct pronouns that have unclear or ambiguous antecedents.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:9	Recognize and correct inappropriate verb shifts.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L2:	Core Punctuation and Spelling Skills for Grades 6-8:
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:1	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes, hyphens) to clarify and enhance writing.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:2	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L4:	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4a:	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.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4c:	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4d:	Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L5:	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L5b:	Use the relationship between particular words to better understand each of the words.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L6:	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases; apply vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	4	Develop personal, cultural, textual, and thematic connections within and across genres through responses to texts and personal experiences.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	7	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST2:	Write informative/explanatory text focused on discipline-specific content.

GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2a:	Introduce a topic clearly; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2b:	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, data, definitions, concrete details, citations, or other information and examples.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2c:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2d:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to inform and/or to explain the topic.
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Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards

CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST3:	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, appropriate to discipline-specific norms, conventions, and tasks.
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EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST4:	Write responses to texts and to events (past and present), ideas, and theories that include personal, cultural, and thematic connections.
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Reading Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Key Ideas and Details

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Text Types and Purposes

GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Develop personal, cultural, textual, and thematic connections within and across genres through written responses to texts and personal experiences.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	5	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of academic English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Knowledge of Language

GRADE EXPECTATION	3	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Language Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE EXPECTATION	4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	6	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening; demonstrate independence in gathering and applying vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Reading Standards (Literary and Informational Text) 8R
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R2:	Determine one or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; summarize a text. (RI&RL)
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W5:	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. Apply the grade 8 Reading Standards to both literary and informational text, where applicable
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL1:	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1a:	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; 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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GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1b:	Follow norms for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L2:	Core Punctuation and Spelling Skills for Grades 6-8:
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:1	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes, hyphens) to clarify and enhance writing.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:2	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L4:	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4a:	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.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4c:	Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8L4d:	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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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L6:	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases; apply vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	4	Develop personal, cultural, textual, and thematic connections within and across genres through responses to texts and personal experiences.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	7	Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME	Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards	
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST4:	Write responses to texts and to events (past and present), ideas, and theories that include personal, cultural, and thematic connections.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Reading Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Key Ideas and Details

GRADE
EXPECTATION

2

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

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Writing Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Text Types and Purposes

GRADE
EXPECTATION

2

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

GRADE
EXPECTATION

3

Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Comprehension and Collaboration

GRADE EXPECTATION	1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.
GRADE EXPECTATION	2	Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats (including visual, quantitative, and oral).
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards		
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		English Language Arts Anchor Standards
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Speaking and Listening Anchor Standards
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE EXPECTATION	5	Make strategic use of digital media and visual displays to express information and enhance understanding of presentations.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards		
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Reading Standards (Literary and Informational Text) 8R
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8R2:	Determine one or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; summarize a text. (RI&RL)
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME New York State Next Generation English Language Arts Learning Standards		
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W2:	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2a:	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2b:	Develop a topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples; include formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aid comprehension.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2c:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to explain a topic.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2d:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	8W2e:	Provide a concluding statement or section that explains the significance of the information presented.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W3:	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, relevant descriptive details and clear sequencing.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8W3d:	Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to capture the action and convey experiences and events.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Writing Standards 8W
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8W7:	Gather relevant information from multiple sources; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others; avoid plagiarism and follow a standard format for citation.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Speaking and Listening Standards 8SL
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Comprehension and Collaboration
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8SL1:	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners; express ideas clearly and persuasively, and build on those of others.

GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1a:	Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; 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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GRADE EXPECTATION	8SL1b:	Follow norms for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L1:	Core Conventions Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:3	Recognize and correct pronouns that have unclear or ambiguous antecedents.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:7	Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives).
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L1:9	Recognize and correct inappropriate verb shifts.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		8th Grade Language Standards 8L
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Conventions of Academic English/Language for Learning (Appendix A)
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L2:	Core Punctuation and Spelling Skills for Grades 6-8:

GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:1	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes, hyphens) to clarify and enhance writing.
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GRADE EXPECTATION	8L2:2	Use punctuation (comma, ellipsis, dash) to indicate a pause or break.
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	8L6:	Acquire and accurately use general academic and content-specific words and phrases; apply vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME		Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Reading
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME		Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	3	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, using effective techniques, well-chosen details, and well-structured sequences.
STRAND / DOMAIN / UNIFYING THEME		Grades 6-12 Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Standards
CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		Literacy 6-12 Anchor Standards for Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	6	Gather relevant information from multiple sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Craft and Structure
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH5:	Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally, visually, and graphically).

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RH7:	Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.

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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		READING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Key Ideas and Details
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST1:	Cite specific evidence to support analysis of scientific and technical texts, charts, graphs, diagrams, etc. Understand and follow a detailed set of directions.

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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST7:	Identify and match scientific or technical information presented as text with a version of that information presented visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table).
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	RST9:	Compare and contrast the information gained from two or more experiments, simulations, videos, multimedia sources, readings from texts, graphs, charts, etc. on the same topic.
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CATEGORY / CLUSTER / KEY IDEA		WRITING STANDARDS FOR LITERACY IN HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS 6-8
STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST2:	Write informative/explanatory text focused on discipline-specific content.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2a:	Introduce a topic clearly; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2b:	Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, data, definitions, concrete details, citations, or other information and examples.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2c:	Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
GRADE EXPECTATION	WHST2d:	Use precise language and content-specific vocabulary to inform and/or to explain the topic.
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING		Text Types and Purposes
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST3:	Write narratives to understand an event or topic, appropriate to discipline-specific norms, conventions, and tasks.
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STANDARD / CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDI NG		Research to Build and Present Knowledge
EXPECTATION / CONTENT SPECIFICATION	WHST6:	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source by applying discipline-specific criteria used in the social sciences or sciences; and quote or paraphrase the data/accounts and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.